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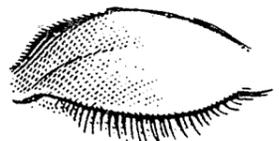
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Letter to our Readers: This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Editorial

In last months issue your indulgence was requested if the Community Council Office was closed as a result of strike action against the cutbacks on FÁS Community Employment Schemes. Most of the staff of the Newsletter, Community Council, Supervisors and Sponsors marched to Dáil Eireann in protest against these cutbacks on May 12th.

We hoped our efforts would be successful and we were given to believe they had been. The government through it's various ministries, granted ten million pounds to FÁS to make up the short fall in funds. Unfortunately we have found that the implementation of the cut backs is going ahead and that nothing will change for the next few months. Thus we will be obliged to pursue further action to maintain or even come close to the position pertaining in February.

We would again appeal for your understanding and support if certain facilities are not available and we would ask you to get in touch with local politicians to see if it is possible to put pressure on the government to ensure that this very valuable asset to the community continues as at present.

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Community Council Notes

The Community Festival normally takes place during the month of June.

This year because of the state of the town it has been decided that it will take place in August. It is hoped that by then the town will be tidier and the "thing in the square" will be gone.

A large festival is planned to coincide with the bicentenary celebrations in the college. Anyone interested in helping with the festival planning should get in touch with the Community Council. Ph. 628 5922.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Our comprehensive report and entry for this year's Tidy Towns Competition has been forwarded to the Department of the Environment together with our £100 entry fee. We are greatly encouraged by the reaction of the residents of Maynooth to the excellent work being done by the Maynooth Tidy Towns FÁS team. For the summer months the team will be augmented by a number of students under the Students' Employment Scheme.

As part of our on-going policy with regards to re-cycling, we are pleased to advise that a waste paper re-cycling container has been installed in Maynooth Shopping Centre. We thank the shopping centre management and Kildare County Council for their co-operation in bringing this latest initiative to Maynooth.

We would appeal to drivers to stop parking on the edges or in some cases in the middle of the green opposite St. Mary's R.C. Church. It is ruining the green and destroying the edging.

Our annual door-to-door collection will take place during the latter part of June: notices will be placed in shop windows advising of dates. Please be generous. Thank you.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

The community Games have gone from strength to strength here in the Maynooth area.

We are happy to report many successes at county level. Congratulations to Emma Howard-Williams for winning a gold medal at County level in the modelling competition. We wish Emma success at Mosney later in the year.

Basketball

Our basketball U.16 Boys and Girls did us proud at their competition in Kilcock, arriving home with Bronze medals. Congratulations to all participants in this event and to Phelim Cassidy for his hard slog in bringing his teams to such a high standard.

Boys Team: Niall Cassidy, Seán Woodhouse, David Reddy, Ray Fitzgerald, Mark Dempsey, Seán Lennon, Peter Kinsella, Philip Ryan.

Girls Team: Emma Fleming, Christina Reilly, Lynda Cassidy, Claire McCarrick, Rachel Watson, Maeve Hedrington, Emer Smith, Sinéad Keenan and Brid-Ann O'Shea.

Athletics

The G.A.A. grounds were the venue again this year. The Athletics themselves were a great success, sadly numbers were down on last year.

The following are the results:-

Girls U.8 (60m)

(1) Mikaela Mahon (2) Cianna Ennis (3) Emma Collins.

Boys U.8 (60m) Final

(1) William Healy (2) David Fagan (3) Brian Bean.

Girls U.10 (100m)

(1) Muire Ennis (2) Muireann O'Sullivan (3) Ashling Bean.

Boys U.10 (100m)

(1) David Prendergast (2) Mark Collins (3) Brian O'Malley.

Girls U.12 (100m)

(1) Gillian O'Hurley (2) Emma Higgins (3) Triona Cahill.

Boys U.12 (100m)

(1) Pierre Ennis (2) Stephen Healy (3) Fintan O'Donoghue.

Girls U.14 (100m)

(1) Lynn Brennan (2) Pearl Byrne (3) Aoife McTernan.

Boys U.14 (100m)

(1) Patrick O'Rourke (2) Patrick King (3) Christopher Flynn.

Girls U.16 (100m)

(1) Mary O'Sullivan (2) Brid-Ann O'Shea (3) Catherine Duff.

Boys U.16 (100m)

(1) Karl Ennis (2) Martin McLoughlin.

Girls Tiny Tots 3 - 4 yrs.

(1) Shona Barrett (2) Michelle Doran (3) Theresa Doran.

Boys Tiny Tots 3 - 4 yrs.

(1) Conor Bean (2) John Comerford (3) Shane Collins.

Boys Tiny Tots 5 - 6 yrs.

(1) William Healy (2) Patrick Prendergast (3) Niall Diggins.

Mothers Race

(1) Pauline Barrett (2) Caroline Collins (3) Margaret McLoughlin.

Fathers Race

(1) Michael O'Charcora (2) Willie Healy (3) Sean Fagan.

Girls U.8 (80m)

(1) Mikaela Mahon (2) Emma Collins (3) Cianna Ennis.

Boys U.8 (80m)

(1) Sean McTernan (2) Willie Healy (3) David Fagan.

Girls U.10 (200m)

(1) Muire Ennis (2) Muireann O'Sullivan (3) Catherine O'Riordan.

Boys U.10 (200m)

(1) Brian O'Malley (2) Kevin Comerford (3) Norman Dunne.

Girls U.12 (600m)

(1) Gillian O'Hurley (2) Emma Higgins (3) Emma Donnelly.

Boys U.12 (600m)

(1) Pierre Ennis (2) Philip Campbell (3) David Comerford.

Girls U.14 (800m)

(1) Lynn Brennan (2) Alannah Murphy (3) Pearl Byrne.

Boys U.14 (800m)

(1) David Campbell & Conor Diggins (2) Patrick O'Rourke. (3) Emmet Hall.

Girls U.13 (Walk)

(1) Alannah Murphy (2) Pearl Byrne (3) Emma Fleming.

Boys U.13 (Walk)

(1) Pierre Ennis (2) Philip Campbell (3) David Comerford.

Girls U.17 (Javelin)

(1) Catherine Duff (2) Brid-Ann O'Shea (3) Mary O'Sullivan.

Boys U.16 (Discus)

(1) Donal Lennon (2) Martin McLoughlin (3) Séan Lennon.

Boys U.14 (Shot)

(1) Christopher Flynn (2) Patrick O'Rourke (3) Patrick King.

Boys U.12 (Long-Puck)

(1) James Mullarkey (2) Enda Diggins (3) Pierre Ennis.

Girls U.14 (Long-Puck)

(1) Joyce Foy (2) Lynn Brennan (3) Sharon Cummins.

Girls U.16 (High Jump)

(1) Lynn Brennan (2) Emma Fleming (3) Catherine Duff.

Boys U.16 (High Jump)

(1) Patrick O'Rourke (2) Karl Ennis (3) Seán Lennon.

Girls U.16 (1,500m)

(1) Mary O'Sullivan (2) Isabelle Fay.

Boys U.16 (1,500m)

(1) Karl Ennis (2) Donal Lennon.

Girls Marathon

(1) Mary O'Sullivan (2) Brid-Ann O'Shea.

Boys Marathon

D. Lennon.

May we take this opportunity to thank Michael and Marie Gleeson for the trojan work put into running the athletics event. A word of thanks to the G.A.A. Committee for giving us the use of their club and facilities on the day.

Chess and Draughts

Maynooth Community Games under 16 chess team checked their way into the County final, ending up with silver medals when they were defeated by Straffan.

The County final was played on May 16th at Maynooth boy's school, where the most exciting of the five games was that in which Straffan's top player Paul Dempsey defeated Donal Smith (Greenfield Drive).

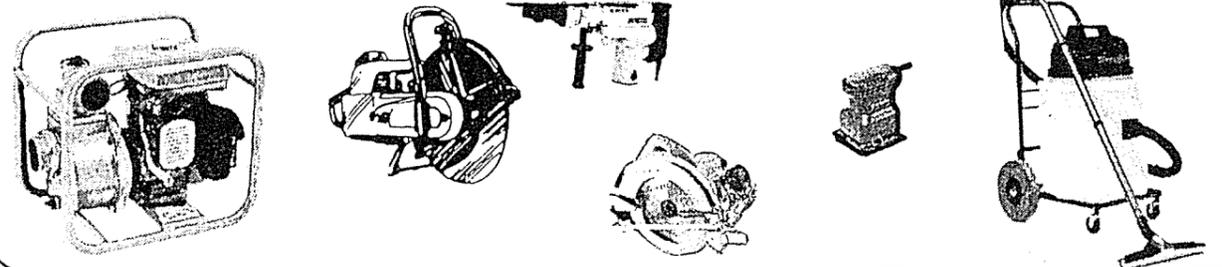
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Paul Dempsey proved a formidable opponent for Donal as he is All-Ireland under-14 champion, represented Ireland in the world championship in Hungary last year, and is already a senior inter-provincial player. Nevertheless Donal managed to put him under some pressure before becoming last of the five Maynooth players to succumb.

In the other matches All-Ireland under-12 champion Colm de Rosario beat Philip O'Shea (Beaufield Gardens) after another reditabile performance by the Maynooth player. Eamonn O'Molloy beat Fergus Denman (Leinster Park), David Fogarty beat Mark Quigley (Moyglare Road), Art McGauran beat John Kinsella (Beaufield Gardens), while substitutes Eoin Spring beat Nicholas Bell (Meadowbrook Crescent), Neil de Rosario beat Aidan Molloy (Beaufield Gardens) and John Hanafin beat Michael Costello (Moyglare Road).

This is Maynooth's second year in the competition. They defeated Rathangan 4-1 in their quarter-final tie on Tuesday April 5th. Games in order of completion (Maynooth names first): John Kinsella lost to Stephen Conway.

Fergus Denman beat Liam Dawson.

Philip O'Shea beat James Mangan.

Mark Quigley beat Aoife Conway.

Donal Smith beat Dermot Mangan.

And on Friday April 28th Maynooth beat Caragh in an exciting semi-final, 3-2. Games in order of completion (Maynooth names first):

Donal Smith beat Aileen Heavey.

Nicholas Bell lost to Lorraine O'Brien.

Fergus Denman beat Fergal Rooney.

Mark Quigley beat Enda Hannigan.

Philip O'Shea lost to George Longwall.

All the Maynooth team are under-age next year.

Caragh defeated Maynooth 6-4 in an intriguing under-14 draughts quarter-final in Caragh school on Thursday May 4th. With each member of the team of five scheduled to play two matches each, Maynooth took an early lead through Aileen O'Keeffe, fell 5-1 behind and came back to 5-4 thanks to some terling play by James Mullarkey and David Lorenzo. In a tense closing match, David Lorenzo, playing with a cracked wrist as a result of a fall, shared his tie with Emer Dunleavy of Caragh allowing the mid-Kildare parish to go through to the semi-finals.

Results (Maynooth names first):

Donal Houlihan (Cowanstown) 0 Cian Ford (Caragh) 2

Pierre Ennis (Donaghstown) 0 Andrew Cullen (Caragh) 2

David Lorenzo (Rail Park) 1 Emer Dunleavy (Caragh) 1

James Mullarkey (Maynooth Park) 2 Adrian Delmar (Caragh) 0

Aileen O'Keeffe (Greenfields) 1 Donal Kealy (Caragh) 1

Substitutes: Damien Travers (Taghadoo) Justin O'Connell (Moyglare Village).

Co-ordinators of the chess:- Eoghan Corry and Fergal Nangle.

Co-ordinators of the draughts:- Brian Galligan.

The Committee wish to thank Mr. O'Connell, Principal, Boys school for making his classrooms available to the chess and draughts teams for their practice over the past number of weeks. A word of thanks also to Mr. Ashe, Principal, Post Primary school for giving us the use of the classrooms for the art, and the gym for the volleyball. Sister Aquinas, Girls Primary school for making facilities available for the gymnastics.

Pitch and Putt

Maynooth are privileged to host this years Pitch and Putt event for the County. This will take place at Tony Bean's Pitch and Putt course on the Dunboyne Road on 18th June.

Swimming

The swimming event took place at Stewarts Sports Centre on 20th May. This was a huge success and a popular event. We wish to thank lifeguards, Elaine Fleming and Liz Whittaker for doing the necessary on the day, also a huge thanks to all the parents who turned out to help make this event so successful and a great afternoons fun for the children.

The following are the results:-

Boys U.6

(1) Eoghan Farrell (2) Kieran Farrell, (3) Alex Cash.

Boys U.8

(1) Kevin Farrell, (2) Eithin Carr, Joint (3) Eoghan McCartan & Ross Cullinan.

Boys U.10 (Freestyle)

(1) Mark Cummins, (2) Martin Hoare, (3) Jason Fitzgerald.

Boys U.10 (Backstroke)

(1) Mark Cummins, (2) Jason Fitzgerald.

Boys U.12 (Freestyle)

(1) Brian McLoughlin (2) Mark Watson, (3) Joseph McLoughlin.

Boys U.12 (Breastroke)

(1) Mark Watson, (2) Paul Haran, (3) Joseph McLoughlin.

Boys U.14 (Freestyle)

(1) Brendan Keogh, (2) Damien Travers, (3) Eoghan Hardiman.

Boys U.14 (Backstroke)

(1) Brendan Keogh, (2) Damien Travers, (3) Shane Pidgeon.

Boys U.14 (Breastroke)

(1) Brendan Keogh, (2) Damien Travers.

Boys U.16 (Freestyle)

(1) Thomas Mullarkey, (2) Martin McLoughlin, (3) Séamus Cummins.

Boys U.16 (Backstroke)

(1) Thomas Mullarkey, (2) Seán Lennon, (3) Seamus Cummins.

Boys U.16 (Butterfly)

(1) Martin McLoughlin, (2) Thomas Mullarkey, (3) Séamus Cummins.

Girls:-

Girls U.10 (Freestyle)

(1) Aishling Bean, (2) Muireann O'Sullivan, (3) Claire Gannon.

Girls U.10 (Backstroke)

(1) Aishling Bean, (2) Muireann O'Sullivan, (3) Claire Gannon.

Girls U.12 (Freestyle)

(1) Aileen Devaney, (2) Yvonne O'Shea, (3) Denise Dolan.

Girls U.12 (Breastroke)

(1) Denise Dolan, (2) Aileen Devaney, (3) Yvonne O'Shea.

Girls U.14 (Freestyle)

(1) Alannah Murphy, (2) Sharon McLoughlin, Joint (3) Rachel Watson & Emma Cullinan.

Girls U.14 (Backstroke)

(1) Sharon McLoughlin, (2) Emma Fleming, (3) Lynn Brennan.

Girls U.14 (Breastroke)

(1) Sarah Maycock, (2) Rachel Watson, (3) Sharon McLoughlin.

Girls U.16 (Freestyle)

(1) Theresa Flood, (2) Emer Hoare.

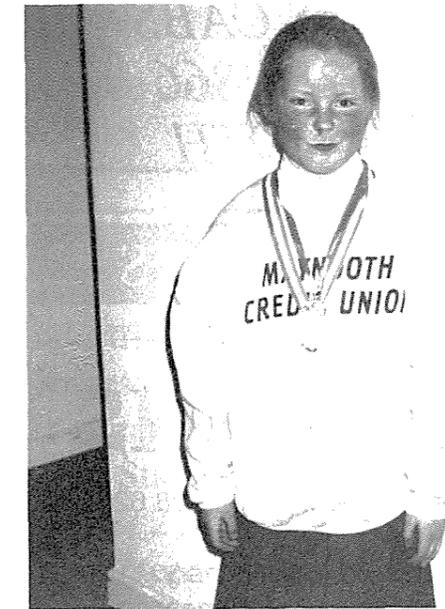
Maynooth Community Games



*Maynooth Community Games Under 16 Chess Team County Finalists
Philip O'Shea (Beaufield Gardens), Nicholas Bell (Meadowbrook Crescent),
Mark Quigley (Moyglare Rd), Donal Smith (Greenfield Drive).
Front Row: Aidan Molloy (Beaufield Gardens), John Kinsella (Beaufield Gardens),
Fergus Denman (Leinster Park), Michael Costello (Moyglare Road).*



*James Mullarkey, Maynooth Community Games
Gold Medalist - Long Puck U.12*



*Emma Howard-Williams, Gold Medal Winner in
U10 Modelling in Kildare Community Games*

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Girls U.16 (Backstroke)

(1) Theresa Flood, (2) Emer Hoare.

Girls U.16 (Butterfly)

(1) Theresa Flood, (2) Emer Hoare.

Co-ordinator of above event: Jim Fleming.

Please note date for County swim 10th June in Athy.

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Question:

My aunt sold her house in 1992 to go into a private Nursing Home. Her capital is rapidly being used up and she is concerned that she will not be able to meet the costs of the home. Would she be entitled to a subvention from the Health Board? What will happen when all her capital is used up?

Answer:

It is quite difficult to qualify for a subvention towards the cost of private nursing homes. The rate of subvention depends on your means and the "level of dependency" i.e. ability to carry out tasks of daily living and the level of social support you have e.g. housing conditions, ability of people in your household to care for you.

There are three rates of subvention and the maximum rates are:

Medium Dependency £ 70 per week

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Maximum Dependency £ 120 per week

The means of your children aged 21 or over who are living in this country are also taken into account and your subvention can be reduced to take account of what they may be deemed to contribute. Whether or not they do actually contribute is not relevant.

You must apply for the subvention before being admitted to the nursing home. However, this rule does not apply if you entered the nursing home prior to the date these Regulations came into effect, September 1993.

In your aunt's case, if she has capital of more than £20,000 remaining, she is unlikely to be considered until her income goes below this amount. We cannot really say what will happen when even with the subvention she can no longer afford to pay the fees to the nursing home. She could apply to the Health Board to be transferred to one of their Welfare Homes. Not all Health Boards have Welfare homes. A medical assessment will be carried out and she will be put on a waiting list. We do know of one situation where the particular Health Board involved was very sympathetic to the case of a person in her nineties who had been in a particular home for a considerable number of years where they undertook to make up the shortfall in her income for the remaining time left to her.

This was just one individual case and we do not know the practice/policy of the various Health Boards on this issue. We can only assume that if the Health Board cannot accommodate the person, that the private nursing home may have to keep the person, even if the fees cannot be met in full.

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membership and our newly introduced budget plan for paying our regular bills.

Finally, congratulations are due to the team from the Boys National School, who took part in the regional finals of the Credit Union schools' table quiz. Ashley Ledwith, Gilbert O'Farrell, Brendan Gaffney and Barry Hogan did us proud. Although they did not progress to the national finals, they are indeed a credit to the school, and to our Credit Union. Maynooth can be proud of the level of general knowledge shown by the pupils of our primary schools. Ashley, Gilbert, Brendan and Barry — well done.

Maynooth Credit Union would like to thank the teachers from the Girls' and Boys' Schools for the work they put into the schools table quiz. We can now look forward to next year's quiz in the knowledge that we have children in our schools able to compete and win with the best in the country.

Michael Mooney

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

May Meeting.

This was held on Tuesday 16th May in the Divine Word Hostel. The demonstrator was Marie McKeon and her theme was "Back to Nature and the Artist." Her arrangements were very exciting to watch, full of colour, fire and imagination. Everyone was delighted with her and took full advantage of the knowledge she imparted. Marie then judged our monthly competition and remarked that the standard was extremely high.

Results of the May Competition.

Class A: Ladies' Day at the Races. An exhibit space 24". First - Mary Cleary, Second - Noeleen O'Brien, Third - Kathleen Cleary, Very Highly Commended - Felicity Satchwell.

Class B: Ladies' Day at the Races. An exhibit space 24". First - Annette Carroll.

Class C: Dinner Table. An exhibit space 24". First - Toni Read, Second - Mary Strickland, Third - Amanda Harris, Very Highly Commended - Janette McCann, Highly Commended - Carmel Kiely, Commended - Mary Temple.

Plant Competition. One Stem of a flowering shrub. First - Amanda Harris, Second - Moira Baxter, Third - Carmel Kiely.

June Meeting.

This will be held on Tuesday 20th June in the Divine Word Hostel at 8p.m. The demonstrator will be Maureen Gleeson.

The competitions for classes A, B & C will be - "A Basket of Roses", space 24", and the plant competition is "One Rose" - any variety. All are welcome. Admission £2.

Sarah Angel will be opening her garden to the public on Saturday June 3rd from 10am onwards. There will be a plant sale and tea and coffee will also be available. Admission will be

£2 and all proceeds will be donated to Alzheimer's. Sarah's garden is one of the loveliest in the Maynooth/Kilcock area and is especially beautiful at this time of the year. The address is Mrs. Sarah Angel, Newtown Prospect, Kilcock.

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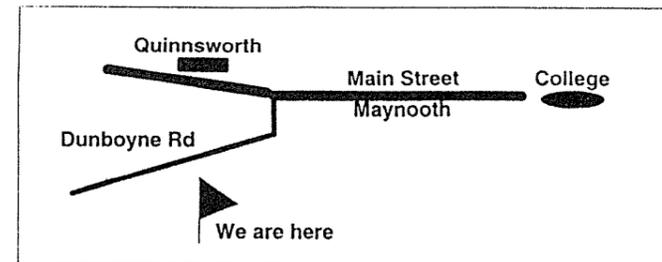


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MAYNOOTH ICA

The AGM of Maynooth ICA was held in the ICA Hall on Thursday 4th May. Mrs Imelda Delaney, our outgoing President, thanked everyone for the help and co-operation she received during her three year term of office. Imelda wished her successor the "best of luck".

New ICA President

Maynooth ICA has a new President in the person of Mrs Marion Souhan. Marion, who lives at Old Carton, Maynooth, is married to Oliver and has two adult children. She has been a member of the ICA for over 16 years. During those years Marion has been Contest Secretary, Arts Promoter, Sports Officer and Vice-President. Last year she was Chairperson of Maynooth Annual Show Committee and she also found time to act as Producer to the Maynooth ICA Drama Group. This vast experience will stand Marion in good stead as she takes on the position of President.

In her Presidential address, Marion, thanked Imelda for all her work over the past 3 years and said that "Imelda will be a hard act to follow". Marion says she "hopes to be able to maintain such a high standard".

New Committee

Vice-President and Craft Promoter -----Mary O'Gorman
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Keys of ICA Hall

Mrs. Madeline Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth is still the 'Key Holder' for our Hall. Any person, or group wishing to book the Hall, should contact Madeline at the above address, or phone her at 6286443.

Collection for Blind

"Thank you" to the people of Maynooth who once again contributed so generously to the annual church gate collection for The National Council for the Blind. Our members collected £131 at this collection on 30th April.

Guild Competition Winners

At each Guild meeting during the year we hold a competition for members varying from "A Decorated Easter Egg" to "A Homemade Christmas Card". All the entrants to these competitions are awarded points with the winners receiving extra points. At the AGM the person with the most points, who this year is Mary O'Gorman, receives free membership for the following year. The 2nd prize of £10 towards the fee goes to Jo O'Connell and the 3rd prize of £5 fee reduction goes to Imelda Delaney. Well done ladies.

Badminton and Crafts

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 10.45 a.m. New members are always welcome.

Crafts are in the ICA Hall on Monday nights (8.00 p.m.) and Wednesday mornings (10.30 a.m.). The craft ladies are doing quilting, doll making, rug making, soft toy making, etc. During May the ladies were also busy preparing for the County Make and Model Competition. Results of this event which was held in Toughers, Naas on 23rd May will be in the next **Newsletter**.

Summer Holidays

The members of our Guild are officially on holidays from the end of June. There will be no meeting in July or August this year and the crafts and badminton sessions will also end at that time. So, now ladies you know - the holidays are official - it's a pity someone doesn't tell the children and husbands!

Kildare Week in An Grianán

This year Kildare Week will take place in An Grianán from 26th - 30th June. Three ladies from our Guild are going there that week and we hope they have a wonderful time.

I just can't wait that long to pay my first visit to An Grianán, so I am going there in early June. If the place is even half as good as people say it is, I am sure we will have a great time.

It was decided at our AGM that the draw for two part scholarships to An Grianán for 1996 will take place at our September meeting. Only fully paid up members will be included in this draw.

Bi-lingual Quiz

A bi-lingual quiz, sponsored by Bord na Gaeilge, was held in Dowlings, Prosperous on 9th May. Our team, while doing really well, didn't take home the honours. These went instead to Caragh who won and Two Mile House who came second.

Dr. Michéal O'Murchú ba ea fear na gceist agus tar éis na cheisteanna bhí ceol agus craic againn. "Luadh an Lamh Fada" an t-ainm a bhí ar an bhanna ceoil a bhí ann. Bhain gach duine taitneamh as an oíche.

Finans Night Out

Nearly thirty ladies from Maynooth Guild enjoyed a night out in Finans, Naas on Tuesday 16th May. We had a meal, followed by entertainment and a few drinks. When the night was over we were all safely transported home by Mrs. Eileen Lambert.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on 1st June at 8.00 p.m. in our Hall. The competition on that night will be an "On the Spot".

The Federation AGM will be held in Caddamstown at 8.00 p.m. on 14th June. All ICA members are welcome to attend this meeting.

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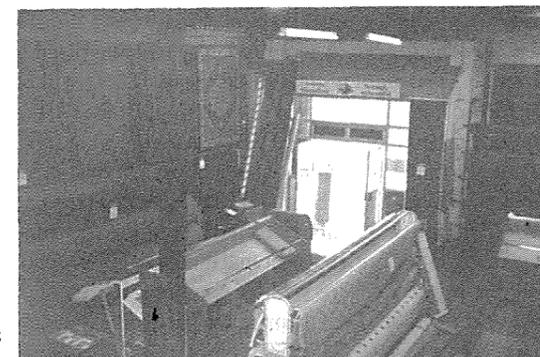
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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

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The final party before the break will be held in the Post Primary School on Sunday June 25th, to coincide with the Tony Smith Memorial Walk. As you know this annual event is organised by the local branch of the Labour Party, but as we need to benefit we ask for your support.

Our morning club will close for holidays on Thursday, June 29th and will re-open September 5th.

Finally, many thanks to Quinnsworth for their kind donation of a quantity of coal. Nice one Maureen.

THE MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK NO-NAME CLUB

The A.G.M. for Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club will be held on Monday 26th June 1995 at 8.00 p.m. in the Arts Building at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. New members are welcome.

On Saturday 17th June 1995 at 9.00 p.m. is Maynooth/Kilcock No Name Club Awards Night. The Awards will take place at the usual venue. The night will be a 60's night. There will be a Prize of £50 for the best dressed couple in 60's gear. The admission for that night is £1. The only people admitted that night will be current I.D. card holders. Application Forms may be obtained from School Host and Hostesses and returned signed to a Committee Member not later than the 3rd June 1995. Any application received after that date will not be processed until September. There will be no admission without I.D. Cards which will be checked on the night against the current register. The I.D.'s are for 15 years and over.

Martin Caine
Chairman

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Until further notice the "Mother and Toddler" group is closed. We are now in the process of finding a new premises to hold our get together on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 noon. We would appreciate any suggestions anyone may have for a venue. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the mothers for their input and would like to remind other mothers it is a nice way to meet people in the area. Happy Summer Holidays.

Diann McCann
P.R.O.

ST. MARY'S B.N.S. PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to all the boys who made their First Holy Communion recently. As this will probably be the last note for the Newsletter before the end of the school year, the Parents' Association would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a happy and safe summer holidays.



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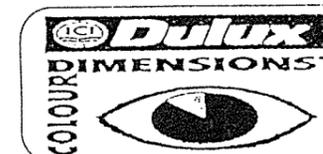
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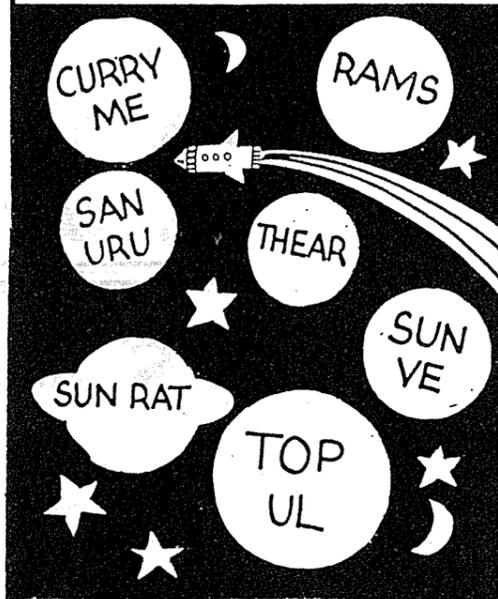
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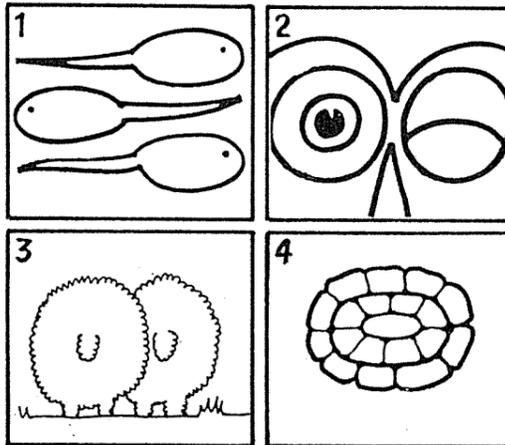
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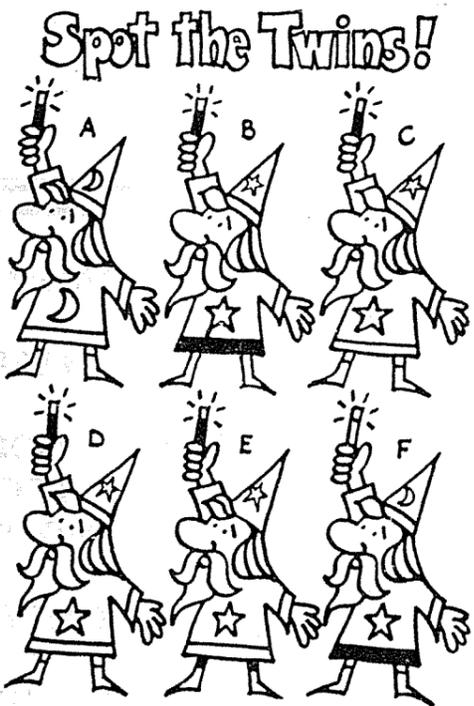
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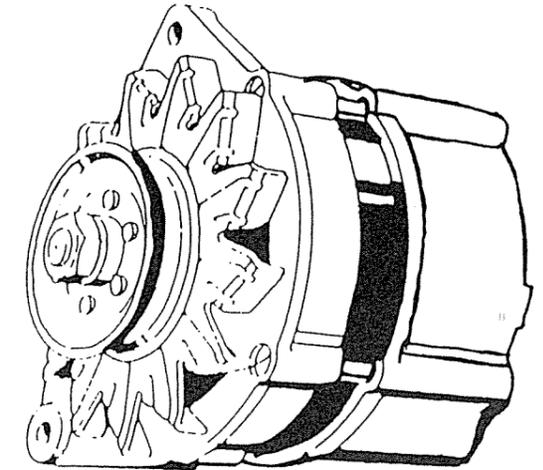


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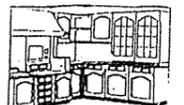
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MEADOWBROOK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Following the election of the new committee, the first general meeting was held on 25th April, 1995, in Caulfield's. Our thanks to the management and staff for the use of the meeting room. Councillor Catherine Murphy, K.C.C., was invited to attend and she gave a broad outline of the Maynooth Development Plan. The main topic of the evening was the proposed link road through our estate. The results of the recent survey of residents was reported as follows: Against the road, 72%; in favour, 26%; undecided, 2%. Of those in favour, 75% expressed concerns about traffic levels/safety. A formal objection is now being prepared and will shortly be lodged with Kildare C.C. Any resident is also entitled to lodge a personal objection, if they so wish. A special thank you to Councillor Murphy for taking the time to meet with us.

Other matters arising were the poor state of the stream running through the estate. A meeting has been arranged with Park Developments to discuss this and other work still outstanding on the estate. The old problem of late night noise again has been causing disturbance. Residents were informed that it is possible to take a court order against any person who persists in causing a public nuisance. This action can be taken free of charge. Further information from any member of the committee.

The question of association equipment being used by residents who have "overlooked" paying their subs (a tenner well spent in any man's language) was raised and it was decided to look into some form of membership card scheme. A quote was also received for the grass cutting of green areas throughout the estate. This quote was misunderstood and was not as reported but £120 per cut. It would require 15 cuts approximately per season. At a total cost of about £1,800 and judging by the trouble getting the £10 subs, volunteers are required and all residents are asked to keep the grass verges to the front of their houses cut. An estate clean-up day and some sort of social get-together will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Due to the shortage of time some items were not dealt with at the last meeting and these will be carried over to the next. Residents will be informed of the date as soon as possible. Your attendance shows you care.

John Doogan (Chairman)

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The annual subs collection is well under way by the committee and various members of the association.

If you missed our collectors on your road you can drop the £12 subscription around to our Treasurer, Mary Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.

Our annual clean-up will take place in the middle of June. Watch out for a circular which will be issued with full details in the near future.

Finally, the annual sub goes towards the various commitments undertaken by the association in the upkeep of the estate and the running of the association.

RAIL PARK RESIDENTS' NOTES

Straffan Road Walls

At a recent meeting of the ad-hoc committee of Residents' Associations which is keeping a watching brief on the improvement work being carried out on the Straffan Road, concern was expressed about the walls which are being built between the road and the adjoining estates. The committee had been led to expect five-foot-high walls except near junctions. However, the wall which has been built at Rail Park clearly is not this height. Elsewhere, the wall is five feet high on the road side, but not on the inside.

It was agreed at this meeting that each residents' association would write to the local councillors and government ministers about this. Our main concerns were that high walls were needed in order (1) to prevent people taking short cuts across green spaces; (2) to prevent young children jumping/falling out onto the road; (3) to provide both visual and aural screening between estates and the road. We also sought jagged capping on the walls to prevent people walking along them.

At the time of writing, Rail Park Residents' Association has received replies on the issue from Ministers Stagg and Durkan, and Councillors McGinley and Murphy. The County Engineer has acknowledged that there is a problem, and has undertaken to investigate what can be done about it. It is vital that the requested modifications be done now, while the main work is in progress. Otherwise, it is likely to end up on an indefinite long finger. The ad-hoc committee will keep the pressure on. We will keep Rail Park residents informed through the medium of this column.

OLD GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood Watch meeting 11th May, 1995

Although our area co-ordinator Garda Martin Caine could not attend the meeting, this meeting was our best yet. A well attended meeting with over 25 residents present.

Many varied issues were discussed. A list of same has been made available to Garda Martin Caine. Anyone with enquiries from the Neighbourhood Watch scheme contact your street co-ordinator. All our new residents in Greenfield Close are welcome to all our meetings and can obtain their Neighbourhood Watch pack from the secretary Anne Birchall at No. 1.

The Re-erection of our Two Bollards

Congratulations to our local engineer John Gavigan on the quick installing of our two new concrete bollards. We await our final bollard. Mr Gavigan has assured us it will be erected as soon as possible. Hopefully these two concrete bollards will prove too much for the passing traffic. Once again the

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children, as we all, can walk the lane, without the ever increasing volume of traffic abusing our cul-de-sac lane. Our local Gardai have assured us, now the bollards are in place again, they will be watching for cars abusing this cul-de-sac.

Hedging on Lane and Footpaths

Also discussed at the meeting was the overgrown hedging and trees on the footpaths on the lane. These hedges are making it very difficult for people with prams and children to pass without getting their clothes or themselves torn.

Dogs and Cats

The dog warden is once again in Greenfield. Anyone needing his help with dangerous dogs and strays can get him at: 045 - 81765 Frank Mitchell.

Trees

There are some trees still available. Trees can be obtained from any committee member.

Public Lighting

Any public lights not working — the number of the pole to be taken and given to any committee member, or report it to K.C. Council at 045-97071.

Gas Repairs

The Gas company have re-seeded the green in phase 3. They also repaired the **Footpath** running alongside the river.

Financial Report

Our Treasurer Kevin McGovern informed our May meeting that we are once again in a healthy position in the black in the bank. We take this opportunity to welcome Margaret McCarron as our new assistant treasurer.

Results from Visitation to K. C. Council

Once again our visit to Kildare County Council proved profitable. The safety railings above and below the bridge, are now in place, only a short time since our visit.

Our attentions must now be turned to the serious problem of the open river, at the end of Old Greenfield. All our energies must be channelled into achieving a safe environment for the children.

This river is a dangerous attraction to children, now the long summer evenings are approaching.

As suggested by Lorna Byrne, a combined effort of letters and lobbying by residents in Greenfield and Meadowbrook will have a positive result. We united, should be able to pressurise K.C.C. to erect a safety barrier running the full length of the open river.

This will make K.C.C. aware, as before, of our everlasting determination and persistence in such serious matters.

Football Leagues

Anyone interested in setting up mini football leagues for July - August '95, can contact Christopher Byrne. This great idea, suggested by Christopher, will combine boys and girls.

We hope to have trophies and medals for winners. So get your names in now!

That's all for now folks. See you next month.

Secretary.

EYE HEAR

The College Green One

Last November, Eugene O'Neill of College Green had an adventure not many would like to share, unless of course you desperately wanted a free breakfast. Eugene went over to Southampton to visit friends. To pass some time he entered a local hostelry.

While sitting at the bar he was set upon and robbed of all his cash by some coloured hoodlums. Later he went to the local Police station to report the crime. Having given his details he was told to wait a while. Soon plainclothes officers arrived and promptly arrested him under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. They mistakenly believed him to be a wanted man known as Eugene Francis O'Neill. Eugene insisted that his full name was in fact Eugene Oliver O'Neill although he had no documentary proof of this on his person. He ended up in a cell being interrogated by different officers. Meanwhile armed police sharpshooters were stationed on the roof of the holding station.

The following morning Eugene was asked what he would like for breakfast and while he was eating same, the prison officer kept complaining that he was getting a free breakfast while he himself would have to pay for his own (Life can be so unfair sometimes). By now Eugene was totally mystified and wondering if it was some kind of joke. However, he was soon jolted back to reality, when he heard the words, "BRING OUT THE PRISONER". Then he knew how serious a predicament he was in. Thankfully, the situation was eventually resolved and he was released from custody. When he returned home he became known locally as the College Green One.

Smokey Blue Heaven

Recently while crossing Mullen Bridge I noticed a large puff of smoke rise on the horizon way up the railway line. Initially I thought it was some sort of steam train or perhaps a diesel engine that was burning oil. However I soon realised it was railway man, Andy Graham, coming "puff" "puff" down the track smoking his new pipe. Luckily the fire brigade lads didn't see him or he might have got an awful drenching.

Wanna be Madonna's mut

This will delight all believers in reincarnation. Apparently superstar Madonna has a little pet Chihuahua Chiquita dog and its lifestyle is the envy of many. There are three vets on call 24 hours a day at each of her three residences.

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I can just imagine Fr. Denis Cogan, Dinny Carroll, Denis O'Sullivan, Mick Scanlon, Patricia Condron and Pauric Kearney all queuing up outside the Maynooth traveller's shop. All Sudan and Rywandian papers please copy.

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MAYNOOTH TEST TRIAL

The Maynooth Festival Test Trial will once again take place in Doyles Mart on June 13th. As in previous years many of the top rank drivers in this discipline will be competing in this event. The event starts at 7.30 p.m. and all are welcome to come and watch as well as come down to meet the drivers at the prize giving in the Roost after the event.

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STREET TALK

Very little on the street talking scene this month.

On a sad note, the closure of the Esso petrol station on the Dublin Road, is disappointing to say the least. On a brighter note, Hugh O'Neill of Co. Meath is getting closer to opening his workshop in Coates Lane. He will be restoring old paintings, framing and other work in that field. More on this next month.

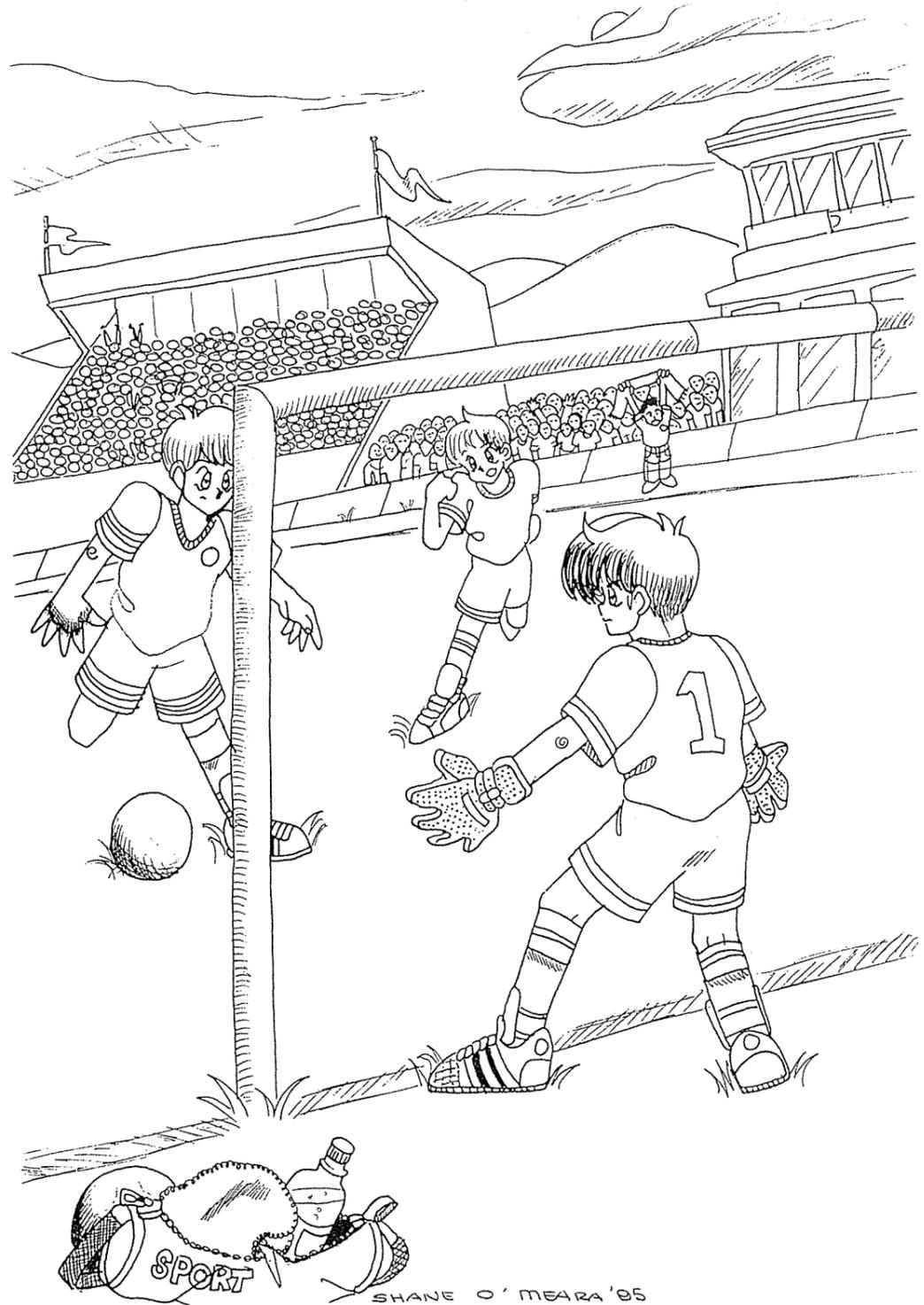


On an even brighter note, it looks like the drab building on the Main Street at Coates Lane is due for a face-lift.

Planning permission is being sought for change of use from retail to banking-financial institution plus an A.T.M. machine. We have very little information on this at the moment but we will keep you informed.



Interesting maybe, but Maynooth seems to be pretty unique having talked to a lot of people and having visited hundreds of towns and villages in the county I or my compatriots cannot come up with one that has more banking-financial institutions than pubs. Think about it.



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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL WORK OF ENTRANTS.

This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.
Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 16th June 1995, by 5 p.m.

Features

HELEN'S COFFEE SHOP

Helen's Restaurant and Coffee Shop has been under new management since the 8th of May, 1995. The new proprietor is Patricia Mulchrone, famous for her delightful cuisine in the Hitchin' Post, and will run both restaurants in conjunction with one another. The restaurant will specialise in luncheon menus with daily specials from 12-2. Breakfast will be served all day with choice of menu for those who are really hungry or the delicate from the night before.

The restaurant will be called Rye Restaurant and Coffee Shop and has all the makings of a successful venture. With ample staff and friendly service this Restaurant should prove a valuable addition to Maynooth town's thriving industry.

MUINTIR MA NUAD



John Drennan

Maynooth College post-graduate and 24-year-old local man John Drennan has recently overcome a harrowing unemployment experience and has reaped the rewards of his studies with the publication of his first novel, *The Secret Dole Diaries of Sean Armstrong*. He also provided the text for Maynooth local history, *Cannonballs and Croziers*, and is a journalist working for the *Sunday Independent*. This popular and witty young man has a very appealing, humorous and descriptive style of writing and with two more publications in the pipeline he is on the threshold of even greater success.

John, the only son of William and Alice, was born at Lombard Street in Dublin, near the Pro-Cathedral. The Drennan family later moved to Old Greenfield, Maynooth, from where John attended the local B.N.S. and Post-Primary Schools. His parents have since moved to Portlaoise. As a teenager he played Gaelic games and was a full-forward on the local U/14 hurling team. John humorously describes how they "regularly got thrashed by teams from Prosperous whose players had beards". He also played rugby with the North Kildare club.

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Entered Maynooth College

Being a brainy and precocious youngster, it was inevitable that he was destined for academia land inside the gates of Maynooth College. He commenced studying English, History, Sociology and Classics, and obtained a B.A. in English and History. John crowned his years of endeavour with a H.Dip. in Ed. and an M.A. in History.

John feels he missed out a bit by being a local resident. However, he found college life to be very entertaining and a great lifestyle. In those years things were not as competitive as they are now and he partook in a great many activities. According to John, today is the day of the Business/Finance student. The great impromptu mid-day drinking sessions in the Roost are

now replaced with a new breed of student who enjoys coffee and sandwiches.

Interests

Gradually, John's main interests became drinking and debating, and he added, "I sometimes combined both with interesting results".

Union President Campaign

John ran for the post of Union President in the last of the years with the big campaigns. The campaign van was a German Nissan with smiling figures painted over it. He recalls with some pleasure startling Sean "Buggy" Horan when he read his name over the loudspeaker. Kevin Tunney won the election, having secured the services of the local céilí band, comprised of Balla, Fred, Christy and the boys, to lure intending voters to his stand.

The Secret Dole Diaries of Sean Armstrong

After completing his degree course, John had to endure a traumatic period of unemployment, which he expected to be short-term, but it became a more long-term thing. It was this experience that spawned his riveting and heart-rending first confessional novel, *The Secret Dole Diaries of Sean Armstrong*. Disempowered and stripped of almost all human dignity, Sean Armstrong fought back with the only weapons he possessed, his sharp pen and an even more sharpened intellect. The end product is a thoroughly enjoyable read about his battles with a system that apparently fails to see those it serves as real, actual human beings. The author, using his immense descriptive powers, brings to life the dole office, various characters, nature, romance, trips, occurrences, political satirism and various daily incidents which we can all identify with. It is a laugh a minute as the author uses humour almost as a defence weapon in the depths of adversity.

Frighteningly honest

It is a frighteningly honest account of the totality of effects of unemployment, not just economic but psychological and sexual as well. However, to say it's about unemployment is to limit it. It is a novel dispersed with numerous humorous dissertations and plenty of political satire. It is also a book borne out of pain and deep human anguish, which intensifies the emotions and shows the importance of love, as the relationship between Sean and his girlfriend Catherine undergoes traumatic changes. One's interest is heightened, wondering how they will end up and is Sean a narcissistic prat or a victim of his demoralising circumstances? This book, which the reader deduces may be loosely based on a Maynooth setting, has a universal theme and, despite its tragic elements, has a redeeming concept of beauty and transcendence. It comes highly recommended and is available at the Maynooth Bookshop and at bookshops nationwide. It is published by Blackwater Press.

Journalistic career

The serialisation of his book has led John into a career in journalism and he now writes weekly articles in the *Sunday Independent*, mainly specialising in political topics. Attending the Dáil regularly over the last 14 years, he has acquired a deep knowledge of the political process. In John's own words, "I look at them and I write about them". He finds responses vary.

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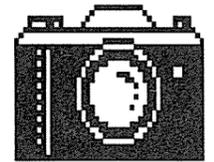
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Features

Some politicians are terribly sensitive. In some ways the least intelligent politicians are the most sensitive. Others come up to him to chat and just laugh it off. From his observations, the most effective member of the Dáil is Michael Lowry. He views Dick Spring as more of a political operator and the politician who impresses him the most is Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, and he would not be at all surprised if she became the next leader of Fianna Fáil in about seven years' time.

Philosophy of Life

A significant factor in John's life is the importance of wonder. As his readers will attest, he is a keen observer of both humanity and nature. He sees a sense of humour as essential for survival.

Spirituality

Spirituality is important to John, particularly its quality of transcendence, and he added: "If we don't have that in our lives we don't have very much". He believes justice does exist, "but it is very shy most of the time".

Other works

John has been most impressed by Flan O'Brien's early works. However, he is not an avid reader, which helps protect his own individuality. He has already provided the text for the highly-regarded local history of Maynooth, *Cannonballs and Croziers*, which is currently available in the shops. However, he views his effort as a small contribution in the context of the great community effort which evolved around the publication. He is currently writing two new books, one which he describes as "cold . . . terrifyingly cold". The other one is very different, "very beautiful". We can all look forward to their publication with interest.

On the side of the people

All in all, John is a simple-living man who is on the side of the people who don't get a fair break. This is a shared similarity with Johnny Cash, his favourite musical interest. John is in essence an ordinary man with extraordinary talents, writing about ordinary things. Apart from his immense descriptive skills and intellectual prowess, it is I believe his deep sense of justice and almost brutal honesty which will set him apart from other writers. He is very definitely a true poet and prophet who is recognised in his own land.

We all wish him every success in his future career — he deserves it.

Footnote: On Saturday, 22nd April, John appeared on the *Kenny Live* chat show and became the centre of a debate which highlighted in a major way the plight of the unemployed.

GARDA TALK

Automobile Theft

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- 2) Theft of property left within the vehicle.
- 3) Theft of vehicle components or accessories.

Protection of Property

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- 2) If property must be left, lock it in the boot.
- 3) Do not leave property in a visible place.
- 5) Do not attempt to cover it with a coat, newspaper etc. - this advertises its presence.

Prevent Stealing

- 1) Always lock all doors.
- 2) Close all windows fully.
- 3) Remove keys when vehicle unattended - Never leave spare keys in vehicle.
- 4) Etch registration particulars onto all windows.

Security

- 1) Consider installing a car alarm.
- 2) Fit immobiliser to prevent hot-wiring.
- 3) Use some form of steering lock.
- 4) Fuel cut-outs can also be useful.

Most thieves are looking for an easy target, so avoid parking in isolated or dimly lit places and secure your car at all times even in your own driveway.

Road Safety

As you are all well aware, at present there are major re-developments in progress to various roadways and footpaths around Maynooth. The Straffan Road is especially experiencing major reconstruction work. These necessary developments bring with them changes in the geography of the road from time to time and hence the need to instill into all road users - pedestrians, cyclists and motorists - the necessity to exercise extreme caution and patience at all times when negotiating these roads. We would particularly like to stress the importance of obeying the traffic lights on the Straffan Road bridge as carelessness on drivers' behalfs have resulted in needless accidents at this location on previous occasions. If ever these lights appear to be faulty or out of operation we would kindly ask you to contact the local Gardaí immediately. In conjunction with these lights there are numerous other temporary road signs, markings and signals which must be respected for the period of reconstruction to ensure prevention of further accidents. Your patience, kind co-operation and assistance in these matters is deeply appreciated by the Gardaí and may be crucial in preventing unnecessary serious accidents.

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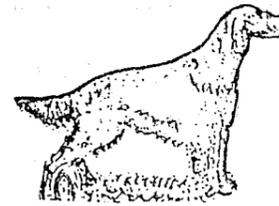
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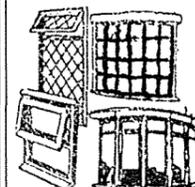
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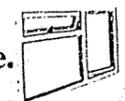
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BORD GÁIS COLOURING COMPETITION

'Bord Gáis' in Maynooth recently held a very successful 'Teddy-Bears' colouring competition. It was open to all children under the age of twelve and there were over three hundred entrants.

The children were asked to paint or colour-in a picture featuring the Bord Gáis logo - the teddy bears. All the entries were of such a high standard it was difficult to decide on the prize winners.

However, there had to be winners and these were:
 1st prize: Ciara Leavey, Old Greenfield, age 11.
 2nd prize: Colin Watts, Moyglare Meadows, age 9.
 3rd prize: Jennifer Feehan, Kingsbry, age 4 1/2.

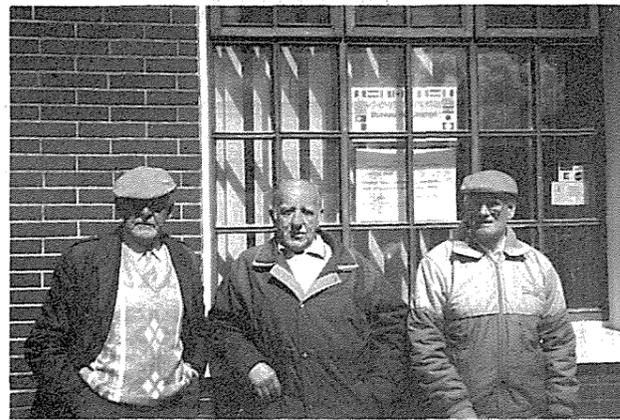


They received as their prizes £50 and a set of teddy bears each. The entrants were presented with them in the Bord Gáis Showrooms, Main Street, Maynooth, on Wednesday May 17th by Joan and Deirdre of Bord Gáis Maynooth.

INTEREST IN CROSSWORD INCREASES FIVEFOLD!

Interest in our Crossword has increased fivefold in recent months and we wonder if this is due to the attractions of the "demon drink"! Since the Mill Wine Cellar began its sponsorship with the prize of an Irish Whiskey Gift Pack the number of entries has grown. The prize is undoubtedly attractive but we advise any winners not to partake of their trophy too close to the time they attempt the next Crossword as it is not guaranteed to assist you in solving the clues! We are delighted with the increase in entries and would like to express our gratitude once more to the Mill Wine Cellar, which is responsible for an increased amount of head-scratching around the town each month!

KEEPING WATCH



Overseeing the changing face of Maynooth are the three wise men above. With over 200 years between them, all or any of them could write a book on development of Maynooth over the years. So how about it lads, I'm only a blow in.

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 Can't have fighting among friends"

Then I got this letter, right
 For the most part so polite
 "We notice sir in your account
 You've now exceeded the amount
 Of overdraft that we'd agreed
 To meet you we're in urgent need
 So when would be convenient then
 Tomorrow morning half-past ten"
 I thought the sum involved was small
 Yet to the bank did duly call

What happened in there on that day
 Is much too painful to relay
 Suffice it then for me to say
 I came out crushed like a squeezed fag packet
 Strapped in my "flexible" strait jacket.

Tommy Campbell
 Graiguepottle.

DEFENCE OF SCHEMES

A book review having already been done in this magazine, I just wish to pass comment on John Drennan's book.

A brilliant piece of witty writing, typical of this young artist. The positive side being covered, we will look at the negative side.

It is fairly depressing reading for people who have gone through 90% of the bad feelings he describes so well. Regrets of the past, guilt, depression and mostly despair in the future.

Journalism is a very tricky business and one must be very cute or very devious.

Is he going to follow the path of his fellow writers in the *Sunday Independent*? Is he going to follow the lead of Conor Cruise O'Brien or Bruce Arnold and take a tunnel-vision view of the subject. This he does on his description of schemes. Being one who spent time on a scheme, I do not understand his narrow-mindedness towards them. Nothing positive at all, John?

To the majority of us on the schemes it looks slightly contradictory. As you describe being in a prison "your house" and the depression was the scheme not a way to escape. To many



Community Employment workers Mary McMechan and Jane McNulty getting the Newsletter together.

of us who suffered like that, it was. If schemes are useless for everything else for this alone they are well worthwhile. Lie in the bed sweating or meeting up to 30 people in a fairly pleasant atmosphere? Which do you want? Did it not help somewhat in your problem with your uselessness? It did ours.

Are you going to follow your other fellow-artist Eamonn Dunphy? A brilliant journalist but master of the one-liner that causes controversy and sells papers and books.

You seem to be following him in your description of the people who run the schemes. Calling people "raving lunatics" is a bit like Dunphy. Maybe they are not all fully sane, but then again which of us is? Are you?

Getting away from John and to the positive side of schemes. To the majority of people in them they have the opposite effect to John's.

Get you out of the house. Meet people and be generally useful if you want to. To others the work experience and courses are invaluable.

So, John, I would ask you when you are writing about something that affects so many people broaden your mind a little.

We wish you a long and successful career.

Pius Kelly



Community Employment worker Siobhán Howard-Williams happy working on her project in Community Council office.

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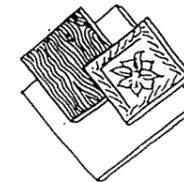
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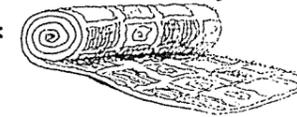
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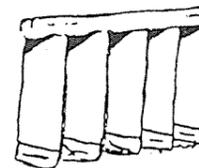


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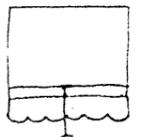
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A REACTION TO JOHN DRENNAN'S JUDGMENT ON C.E. SCHEMES



Community Employment workers L-R: Anne Marie Thompson, Karen Cullen, Sandy Nolan and Sheila McKenna busy calculating wages.

If Mr. John Drennan believes that Community Employment Schemes are "absolutely useless" then he should have seen the faces of those who stood to lose out when cutbacks were announced recently. Those looks, though mute, spoke volumes of disagreement with the opinions he expressed on television some weeks ago.

No-one is heard praising C.E. schemes as cure-alls for the dire unemployment situation - because they aren't. On the other hand, practically nobody who is employed on them is heard voicing opinions like John Drennan's. His is the opinion of the "newly secure" (since he is now in a well-paid job). When people are among the "still insecure" their opinions are not expressed so stridently because they are too well aware of their position if the schemes were not available — their gloomy situation would be an awful lot worse.

A place on a scheme is not going to fill a person with an enormous feeling of self-importance — but it is hugely better than being totally without anything to do. However, it would be wrong to give the impression that the schemes only provide psychological comfort, because they give much more than that.

The C.E. scheme run by Maynooth Community Council, which produces the Maynooth **Newsletter** among other things, gives people a very broad range of skills which they may have had no contact with previously. These include the opportunity to learn typing; acquire the basic skills of using computers for word processing and advertisement make-up; deal with the public in areas regarding the collection of advertising and helping the public in compiling theses, CVs and essays; acquire a better understanding of spelling and punctuation through proof-reading; make up wages and deal with banks and government forms in connection with same, and many, many other skills.

There is no long queue of employers at the door of the office waiting to offer jobs but when people on the scheme apply for employment they are in a position to say they have skills which they didn't have before they joined it. To that extent they are better off than they were beforehand.

So C.E. schemes are not "useless" because apart from making people better equipped than they were they also give them



Theo O'Keeffe, Maria Roche, Paddy Caulfield, Rita Flynn and Gerry Bright happy at work as Community Employment scheme workers.

something to be involved in and this is infinitely better than leaning against a bar counter, sitting in a bookies or staying at home in your sittingroom watching the "box" in the corner all day. There is also a down side to the schemes, but that's another story and it can wait for another day.

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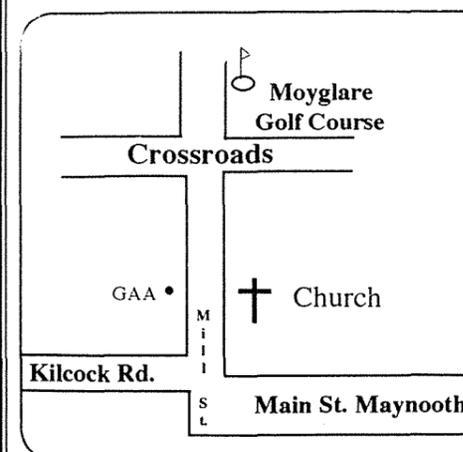
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SERVICE CHARGES - THE BATTLE GOES ON

Recent Government decisions have brought the service charges issue back into focus. First there was the dictate, that it will be necessary for a local authority to obtain a Court order before disconnecting a resident's water supply. The second concession was revealed in Ruairi Quinn's budget speech, when he offered a tax allowance for charges paid.

When the charges were imposed over ten years ago some three hundred Maynooth people took part in a protest march from the shopping centre to the Council offices at the Harbour. However, as the trend of disconnection and costly court actions loomed over them and amid claims of harassment and intimidation, few people found within themselves the resolve to continue the campaign. This is not to say that the people of Maynooth were in favour of the charges, quite to the contrary. In a poll carried out eight years ago and subsequently submitted to the Co. Council, some 95% of people were against the charges and saw them as double taxation.

Will continue to fight

Men like Michael Quinn and Matt Carroll have continued to fight the charges through their involvement with the Kildare branch of ACRA. Speaking on the recent changes, Michael Quinn said, "while we welcome the ability to offset a small part of the charges against your tax liability, the fact that the courts will become directly involved could have serious repercussions." He continued, "we maintain that the family home should not be used for raising taxes but rather all taxes should be based on income - we will continue to fight for the total abolition of service charges".

Middle of night

Presently, the main spotlight is on Fingal and South Dublin where some 60% of residents are claimed to be ignoring the charges and where water disconnections are being carried out in the middle of the night. Matt Carroll has always believed that nothing would ever really be done about the charges until the battle moved to Dublin. With all the main political parties seeking to increase their vote in the capital, it will be most interesting to see how things will develop in the future.

One thing for sure over ten years later the water charges are still leaving a sour taste in the mouths of Maynooth's hard pressed tax-payers - it is the taste of injustice.

Willie Healy

NOTES FROM NAMIBIA

Having already written about our trip to Etosha to see some of the big exotic animals, I would like to tell you now about some of the less dramatic creatures we see regularly, closer to home, here in Windhoek.

Outside our kitchen window, at the back of our house, there stands a guava tree. Some of the higher branches bear no leaves and at first we thought that this was due to frost damage that had occurred during last year's unusually cold winter. Then we began to pay more attention to the activities of our resident weaver bird. About the size of a finch, with deep yellow feathers and a black face-mask, this little male builds the beautiful little hanging nests that give him his name by weaving grasses or strips of leaves into a cosy shelter for his mate and their eggs and chicks.

Shortly after we arrived, there were about seven nests and the number eventually climbed to over a dozen. Then some disappeared and we began to notice debris scattered under the tree. We began to wonder if we had a neurotic perfectionist on the property. However, a visitor explained that Mr Weaver builds a nest and Mrs Weaver comes to inspect it. If she is not happy with it, she destroys it. So we began to feel more sympathy for the hard-working little fellow. Alas, the branches, already bare of leaves, were eventually denuded of nests also, and the little builder vanished. We were disappointed, but not too surprised.

The rains were late this year, but when they did arrive, the naked branches at the top of the guava tree began to clothe themselves. Then the weaver bird returned and started to build again. And the newly-grown leaves disappeared! Then we realised that any weaver nests we've seen are usually hanging from bare branches. So was it frost, or is it the weaver? And when are we going to see some chicks? (See below).

Then there is that four-legged furry creature that locals call meerkat in Afrikaans. Less than two feet long, brownish, slim and sleek, with a pointed nose and lovely little ears, it lay on its belly under a tree, legs splayed out to the sides. Ever alert, it sat up and scabbled in the earth or the grass and came up nibbling - beetles and other insects, presumably. We got out the binoculars and the animal book and decided that it was a yellow mongoose. Then there were two: one a suckling female. We were delighted, because these animals have a reputation for dealing severely with snakes. One of my strongest ambitions while I'm here is to avoid ever meeting one of those long sinuous creatures. So the mongeese - or mongooses - are very welcome in the garden. We donate all our chicken bones and other meaty waste to the cause of keeping in with these little protectors.

Smoky, next door's stand-offish black cat, wasn't willing at first to share territory in our garden with the newcomers. So they had it out and as neither won, they have to put up with each other. Smoky is a fearsome predator, as the feathers occasionally strewn on the grass can tell. He's done in at least one dove and it's a delight to watch the intensity of his concentration when he is stalking his prey.

There are wild cats in this country - not just the big ones, but smaller animals, the same size as ordinary domestic moggies.

We've come across several that have been domesticated or have attached themselves to human households. They seem to me to have somewhat more distinguished features than the average pussy-cat, such as more pointed ears and muzzles. On the way to the coast, in Karibib, there is a beautiful shop that specialises in semi-precious stones, which houses a tamed wild or feral cat. This one has grown fat on a diet of biltong or dried beef and is as beautiful as any show specimen.

We've heard the jackals howling in the neighbourhood once or twice at night and next morning we've seen dog-like paw-prints in the sand. Around here, dogs are usually confined to gardens, to provide burglar-proofing on the hoof, so to speak, so the prints were likely to have been made by the noisy scavengers in the night.

Before I could get this piece in the post, we found some broken egg-shells on the concrete path beneath one of the six nests that hang from the stripped branches. Mostly they were blue with irregular brownish spots, although one was white. They were a bit bigger than a child's marble. All were broken nearer the round than the pointed end. The chicks must be really tiny when they emerge. Ma and Pa are busy ferrying in food and we're dying to see the youngsters venture out into the big world.

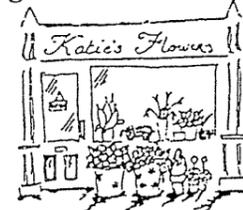
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March on Dublin



Richard Bruton decided to cut Community Employment Schemes after previous ministers promised to increase them substantially. "Take note Minister for Finance", if farmers and teachers are allowed to March on the Dail why not Community Employment Scheme workers. So here's what happened.

It was like 1916 again when a group from Maynooth headed for Dublin. The battle this time was for the jobs (although menial) of about 60 workers. Seven thousand jobs were to be cut, 25% in Co. Kildare. So we headed for the capital, taking the scenic route. It was lovely going up the quays in heavy traffic to get to Kildare Street from Maynooth.

We eventually got there with 45 minutes to spare. Lads burstin time for a pint — great relief!. After a pint in O'Donoghue's we went back to the demonstration. The ladies went to Power's Hotel and Buswell's.

The large crowd was not organised well enough. Maynooth, Dublin and Tipperary North and South were very well represented but where were the rest? There were great speeches and plenty of cameras from the "Indo", the Press, the Times and RTE.

Mary Mac did us proud on the 6 o'clock News and left no-one in doubt as to why we were there. She put up many great points for the retention of the schemes at their present strength.

Protest continued, taken over slightly by whom I thought were professional protesters. They would probably be there if there was a protest for the protection of the frog.

March on the Dail. No-one there. Disperse back to Donoghue's. Having good crack with some Brits. Instruments appear. Sing-song started Brian playing, Liam singing, great crack! Great country, singing your head off with a pint in hand! Happy, 3.30 Friday afternoon!

Pints later — "got to go, lads". Replies of "No way, I'm staying!" "I'm staying!" "Me too!" "You lucky baskets! I'm afraid I have to. Good bye."

On the bus home we took the scenic route again, back through city centre. We learned of the ladies' exploits in Power's. It had been educational — they learned what the English wear under Scottish kilts. Helen was in the dark! Sing-song on bus. In Maynooth eventually after what had been a great day. Worked well, got £10 million!



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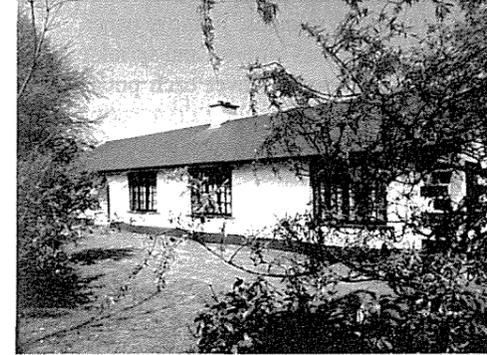
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3tsp/15ml English mustard
salt and pepper

On a work surface, lay 4 pieces of bacon at right angles to each other forming a cross, with the sides of the rashers slightly overlapping. Thread the rashers over and under each other, making sure that the four pieces of bacon touch each other.

Lay a little kidney and liver in the centre of the bacon and a little mustard and seasoning to taste. Fold the rashers over alternately into the centre, to give a woven effect, working in a clockwise direction. Using 2 cocktail sticks secure the bacon ends together. Repeat to make 7 more parcels.

When ready, barbeque or grill for 15-20 minutes, turning three times, until cooked as desired.

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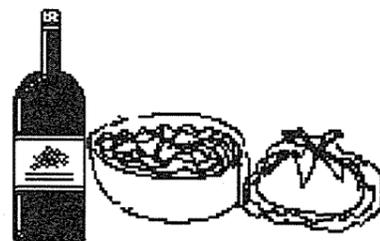
4 baking potatoes
oil, to brush
salt
2oz/50g butter, cubed
small bunch of chives or
few sprigs of mint, to garnish

Pre-heat the oven to Mark 7/425°F/220°C. Wash potatoes and prick well. Boil for 10 minutes or wrap each one in kitchen paper and arrange in microwave. Cook on High for 15 minutes. Remove paper, brush the potatoes with oil and sprinkle liberally with salt. Cover each potato with aluminium foil, place on a baking tray and bake in the oven, or on hot barbeque for 20 minutes until cooked.

Remove from the heat, cut a cross in top of each potato and add a cube of butter. Garnish with chives or mint.

Tips

For a change, serve baked potatoes with a selection of ready-flavoured mayonnaise or butters. Transform them into a main course by topping them with something more filling. Ready-cooked chicken mixed with mayonnaise and curry powder, or cooked minced beef in a tomato sauce would both be delicious. If you're counting calories, try ham topped with slices of fresh apricot for a tangy taste or flavoured cottage cheese.



**CURED MEAT AND
GORGONZOLA SALAD**

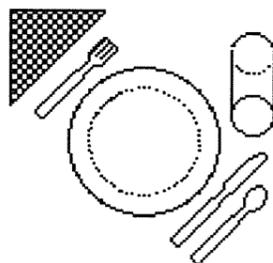
Serves: 6

Use a selection of your favourite cured meats to make this quick and easy starter. As an alternative to Gorgonzola, you can use any blue cheese of your choice.

200g (7oz) bag of mixed salad leaves
6 slices Parma ham
12 slices salami
12 slices pepperoni
170g (6oz) Gorgonzola cheese
24 black olives, about 85g (3oz)

For the dressing

The juice of 1 lemon
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 to 2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon snipped chives
Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Arrange the mixed salad leaves on individual chilled serving plates. Tear the Parma ham into strips. Fold the circular meats in half, then half again, to make a cone shape. Arrange the meats among the salad leaves. Crumble the Gorgonzola between your finger-tips. Scatter the cheese and black olives over the salad.

Place all the ingredients for the dressing in a screw-topped jar and shake vigorously until well emulsified.

Carefully drizzle the dressing over the salad and serve at once accompanied by warm Italian bread.

**RUM AND RAISIN
SYLLABUB**

Serves: 6

225g/8oz raisins
180ml/6fl. oz. dark rum
600ml/1pt. double cream
2 egg whites, size 3
100g/4oz caster sugar
demerara sugar for sprinkling

Method

Place the raisins in a bowl with the rum and cover. Leave to soak for at least 2 hours or overnight. Strain the rum into a large bowl, reserving the raisins, and add the double cream. Whisk until soft peaks form.

In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Gradually whisk in the caster sugar until glossy. Using a large metal spoon, carefully fold the egg whites into the cream with half the raisins.

Divide the syllabub between 6 tall glasses and decorate with the remaining raisins and a sprinkling of demerara sugar.

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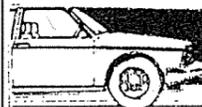
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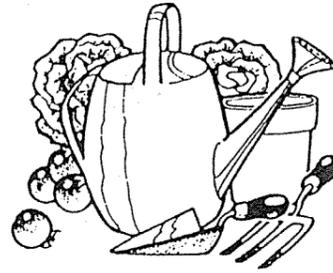
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GARDENING HINTS

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It is very important, this wandering around; it looks aimless, but in fact, the more one can do it the better. In the process a good gardener observes his/her plants and their reactions to his/her treatment and draws conclusions which result in better plants and even more attractive interlocking of their habits of growth, colour, leaf shapes and flowering. He/she sees the beginning of pest and disease attack, the onset of weed infestation, the need for water, the appearance of deadheads and the over-luxuriant growth that wants pruning away.

The Flower Garden

Jobs to do, if one must, are staking border plants, pruning early summer flowering shrubs, tying or ringing sweet peas, liquid feeding of annual and bedding plants, mowing the lawn, spraying for rose mildew, blackspot, greenfly and caterpillars. The last of the bedding plants should be out at the beginning of the month, together with dahlias and chrysanthemums.

Biennials can still be sown this month for next season's spring flowering. Watering is likely to be necessary constantly, particularly the lawn. The quick growing hedges can be given their first cut in early June, privet, blackthorn, hawthorn and gorse.

One shrub that definitely needs to be planted as a single specimen is the magnificent wedding cake bush (*Viburnum plicatum*). This large shrub forms tiers of branches, the top side of which are covered with creamy-white flowers in May and June.

Herbaceous perennials are looking really well now, with many plants in flower and others forming neat clumps of fresh foliage. One of my favourites is Lady's mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*) which has beautiful scalloped leaves and froths of lime-green flowers, but do cut the dead flowers off if you don't want it to seed itself everywhere - not a bad problem to have though! Lady's mantle is also very useful and looks beautiful in flower arrangements.

Containers and hanging baskets can now be planted up or moved outside if they were planted last month. All containers need regular care and attention:

- Water them regularly. Remember that there's a lot of plants growing in a confined space and they're entirely reliant on you for water. Rain is *never* enough. Containers usually need watering every day in warm weather and sometimes even twice a day later in the summer. There's more air movement around hanging baskets, so they dry out faster than tubs.

- Water first thing in the morning or in the evening if possible, rather than in hot sun. Water splashes can result in scorched flowers and foliage.



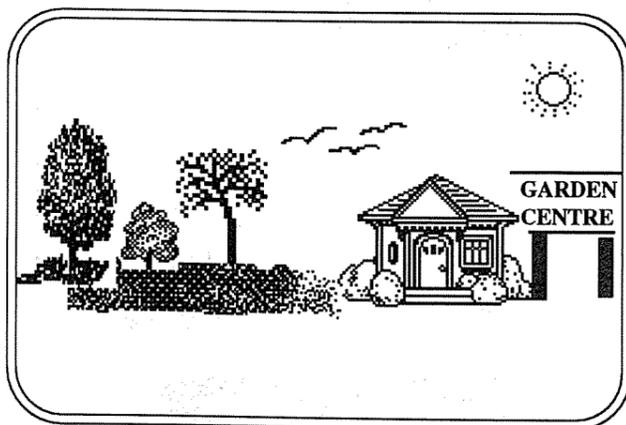
The Vegetable Garden

Marrows can still be planted out at the beginning of this month, also outdoor tomatoes, celery, leeks, cauliflower, savoy cabbages, sprouts, broccoli, and autumn-winter cabbages. Vegetable seeds sown outside last month will need thinning and more seed such as peas, lettuce, parsley, radish, summer spinach, beet and shorthorn carrots can be sown outside.

Summer Fruits

The soft fruit season will start in about the middle of the month, and will continue for six weeks, or so, with the earliest strawberries coming in at the end of June. Raspberries will be in full flower and should be sprayed ten days after the flowering starts, as raspberry maggot is likely to be a problem. The first gooseberries may be ready at the end of the month. Blackcurrants may just be ready for picking in the last week of the month.

At the end of all this work don't forget to spare yourself some time to enjoy the fruits (literally) of your labours with cream and sugar. After all, they won't last forever!



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Political Party Notes

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Maynooth Draft Development Plan.

The draft plan is on display in the Council Offices Naas and in Maynooth Library from 22nd May to 25th August. Any objections or representations made to Kildare County Council concerning the draft will be taken into consideration before the second draft is made. If you require any clarification of the draft plan please contact Cllr. John McGinley at 6285293 or at his Advise Service every Thursday at 8p.m. in Caulfield's Private Meeting Room.

Straffan Road Project.

Following angry representations from the residents along Straffan Road Cllr. John McGinley tabled an emergency motion for the Celbridge Area meeting of Kildare County Council on 8th May. As a result of this motion the County Engineer, John Carrick, stated that he would give serious consideration to the representations made on increasing the wall heights. He further promised that the decisions reached would be conveyed to the Residents Associations and individuals who made representations to the Council. The original agreement with the residents will have to be adhered to.

Amenity needs for Maynooth.

The County Engineer advised the meeting on 8th May that he is employing a student planner this summer to investigate and prepare a report on the amenity needs of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. This follows long time pressure from all Councillors in the area. It is worth noting that the needs of the three towns are not the same, i.e. some 30 acres of Council owned amenity land in Celbridge has remained unused for over ten years.

'Footpath' Kingsbry to the Crescent.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide footpath facilities as a matter of urgency in this area. The roadworks has made it very difficult and dangerous for pedestrians, especially those pushing children in buggies. Temporary arrangements have now been put in place.

Bus Service to Naas.

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., has welcomed the introduction of the new bus service between Maynooth and Naas.

The buses will operate from Maynooth at 9.35a.m. and 12.55p.m. with return journeys from Naas at 12.15p.m. and 3.00p.m.

The new service will also include stops at Kilcock, Straffan, Clane, Prosperous and Sallins.

Convent Road/Dunboyne Road.

Arising from the continued use of the Convent Road/Dunboyne Road by juggernauts, Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have requested the County Engineer to impose a weight restriction on both roads.

They have also requested that the priority for traffic be changed at the junction of Dunboyne Road/Blacklion Road to give priority to traffic on Blacklion Road.

Both measures should have the desired effect on removing heavy traffic from Convent Road/Dunboyne Road.

Labour Advice Services:

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., is available to the people of Maynooth every Saturday at 4 p.m. in Caulfield's Private Meeting Room and his colleague, Cllr. John McGinley, is also available at the same venue every Thursday at 8p.m.

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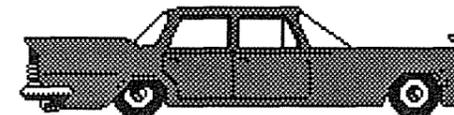


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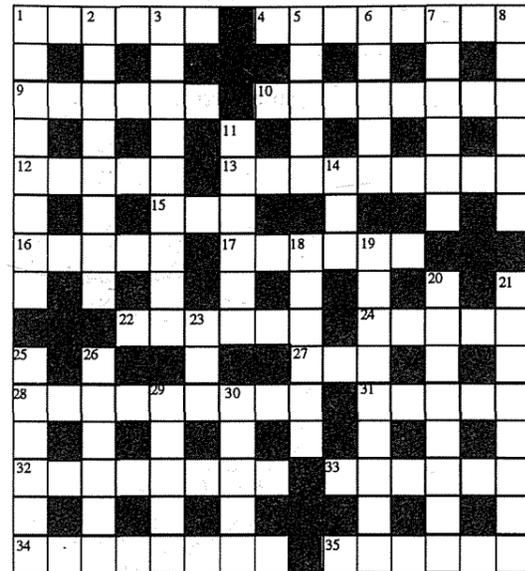


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Across:

- 1 With time added he only barely makes it (6)
- 4 Not sure about anything, except every boat has left! (3,2,3)
- 9 Prepares for a rail job? (6)
- 10 Obvious and with a male beginning (8)
- 12 Likeness is clear when I'm of age! (5)
- 13 One in response to the other (3,3,3)
- 15 Not this either (3)
- 16 Well lubricated! (5)
- 17 Stops prematurely (6)
- 22 They show the way in orderly fashion (6)
- 24 Small hill (5)
- 27 Female sheep (3)
- 28 A cleansing agent may put a man off! (9)
- 31 Put in a straight line (5)
- 32 Unskilled (8)
- 33 Layers of rock with a rat in the middle! (6)
- 34 Take a pace left or right to avoid (8)
- 35 Plymouth -----, that English soccer team (6)

Down:

- 1 Dump overboard (8)
- 2 Climbable (8)
- 3 Insinuating references which may be critical, disapproving or malicious (9)
- 5 You can never get less than this (5)
- 6 It seems your Spanish friend is telling your French friend to leave! (5)

- 7 They may be of paper, linen, music or lightning (6)
- 8 Shrewd and perceptive (6)
- 11 Attack from the air with the RAF involved (6)
- 14 A tree for Irish men (3)
- 18 Starts attacks (6)
- 19 Resemble and have later! (4,5)
- 20 Only the one (8)
- 21 Extend eastward in both directions! (8)
- 23 That ugly old crone (3)
- 25 Small whirls in the water as Edward expires (6)
- 26 Be there, finally (6)
- 29 If you know these you know your stuff but if you're on them you're near defeat (5)
- 30 Weird, always i.e.(5)

Solution to Crossword No. 90:

Across: 1, Buffet; 4, All right; 9, Encore (E-N-core); 10, Emotions (E-motion-S); 12, Colon; 13, Extortive; 15, Eve; 16, Not so (knot so); 17, Nested (N-E-S-Ted); 22, Astral; 24, Stole; 27, Ant (aunt); 28, Anthology; 31, Erred (E-RR-Ed); 32, Thinnest (thin-nest); 33, Needle; 34, Yielding; 35, Agreed (a-greed).

Down: 1, Beer cans; 2, Facility; 3, Erroneous; 5, Limit (LIMI-T); 6, Rotor (Rot-O-R); 7, Gloria; 8, Tassel; 11, Keener; 14, Oat; 18, Splays (S-play-S); 19, Easter egg; 20, Porridge; 21, Dead-head; 23, 'Til; 25, Paltry; 26, Strike; 29, Owned; 30, Oisín (O-is-in).

Winner of Crossword No. 90:

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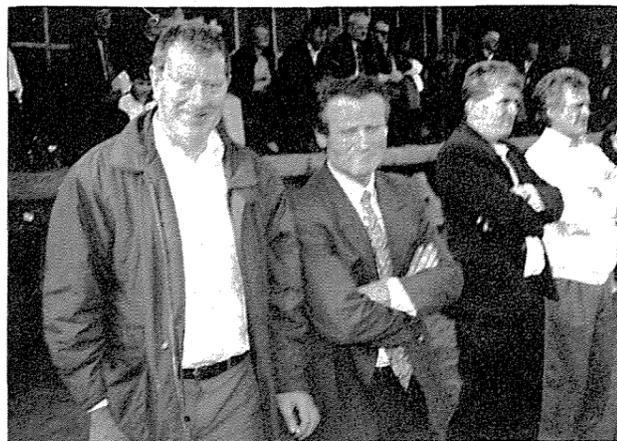
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Overheard ?

Eamonn: "I think we're cattletrucked Tommy."

Tommy: "The natives have us hammered alright. Where are the fine men of Achill? Those lads out there must be fed on burgers and rubbish. Real food - they need salmon, lobster and T-Bones. Bring on the real Mayomen from the Island."

Eamonn: "The curse of the crows to them. It would chill you to the bone just watching them. Whatever chance they had went at half-time when P.J. went out there and took over from Earley for the pep talk. Whatever he said worked on the Kildare lads. Maybe he'll be the first Kildareman in years to manage them."

Tommy: "Come on and we'll get a pint. I cannot suffer this any longer. Better crack annoying the customers in Bradys."

Eamonn: "We'll pull the plug in a few minutes. We'll have a few roast joints and listen to Mixie and Nicholas giving us stick for a while. But sure what the heck, we'll meet it head on. Come on! Good luck lads."

BADMINTON CLUB

As the badminton season once again comes to a close we must congratulate the 1st. and 2nd. mixed teams for doing so well this season. They did the club proud and gave us all a bit of a boost.

Our Summer Club will be in action again every Tuesday from 8.30p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Hall (boy's school grounds). Everyone welcome so why not come down and try your hand at badminton or if you're an experienced player but haven't played for some years, the summer club is an ideal way to get you back in shape for the autumn season. Members £2 per night, non-members £3 per night. Hope to see you there!

In the next Newsletter (July) we'll let you know how our get-together in the Roost went.

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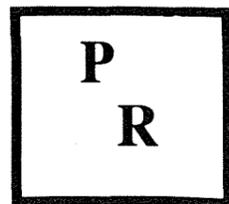
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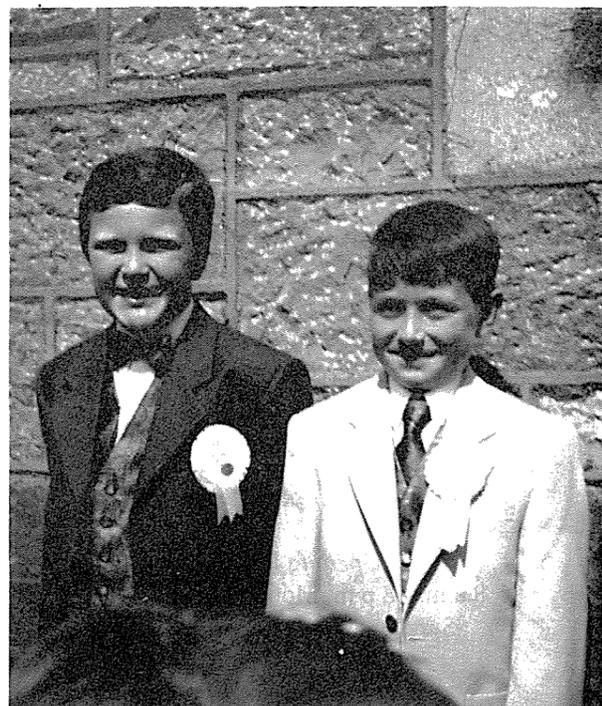
Communion Day



Jessica Perry with her brother and sister



Paul Brady with school principal Pearse O'Connell



L - R: Aidan Corcoran and Peter Lawler



L - R: Sally Garrett and Sarah Murphy

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Results of Weekend to Athlone, 5th-7th May:

Overall: G. McTernan — 74 pts.

Class 1: 1, J. Moore—73 pts.; 2, R. Delemere—71 pts.; 3, J. Kelly—68 pts.

Class 2: 1, S. Tracey—72 pts.; 2, D. Nyland—66 pts.; 3, W. Moore—48 pts.

Class 3: 1, S. Moore—57 pts.; 2, P. Foy—53 pts.; 3, P. Conway—51 pts.

Front 18: T. Moore—31 pts.

Back 18: L. Farrelly—32 pts.

Visitors: J. Doyle, Saturday; J. Byrne, Friday; Cha. Farrelly, Overall.

The annual weekend outing took place on the 5th-7th May to Athlone, staying in the Prince of Wales Hotel and playing Glasson Golf Club on Friday and Mount Temple on the Saturday.

Twenty-three players participated over the two days in conditions more akin with the Costa del Sol. The Championship Glasson Course certainly lived up to its name and by 6 o'clock on Friday evening the top four were: G. McTernan, 41 pts.; S. Tracey, 36 pts.; J. Moore, 33 pts.; R. Delemere, 31 pts.

Day 2: Having survived the merriment of Friday night, the players assembled gingerly for their assault on Mount Temple. Another superb day's golf saw the field chasing the leader down to the last hole and by close of play the scores were: J. Moore, 40 pts.; R. Delemere, 40 pts.; D. Nyland 40 pts.; J. Kelly, 38 pts.; S. Tracey, 36 pts.; G. McTernan, 33 pts.

The overall results showed G. McTernan holding on by a single point from J. Moore to take the Christy Kenny Memorial Trophy, kindly sponsored by John Byrne (Maynooth Bookshop) and presented by Tess in Caulfield's on that Sunday night.

Remaining list of outings for 1995:

Saturday, June 10th—Athlone Golf Club (Shay Moore Memorial).

Friday, July 7th—Edenderry Golf Club ("Dodo" Murray Memorial).

Saturday, August 26th—Portarlinton Golf Club (Capt. T. Moore's Prize).

Saturday, September 23rd—Highfield Golf Club (Turkey Outing).

Saturday, October 21st—Trim Golf Club (President J. Carey's Prize).

MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT

By the time of going to press Maynooth should have its teams for the community games pitch and putt competitions. Both boys and girls teams will compete in the finals and we hope they can have the same measure of success as in previous years. This year will see advantage to the local players as the finals are to be played on the Maynooth course. We are grateful to the community games committee for promoting our successful application to the county board to have the finals awarded to Maynooth. We would be delighted to see many people turn out to support the competitors on the 18th. June at 10.00 a.m. In order to stage this competition we will have to restrict the course to competitors on this day. Notices with further information will be posted nearer the time of the event.

We will begin to run our own junior competitions during June. Notices of these will be placed in the pitch and putt clubhouse. Senior competitions will be run if there is sufficient interest from the players.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 18th June.

Tony Bean

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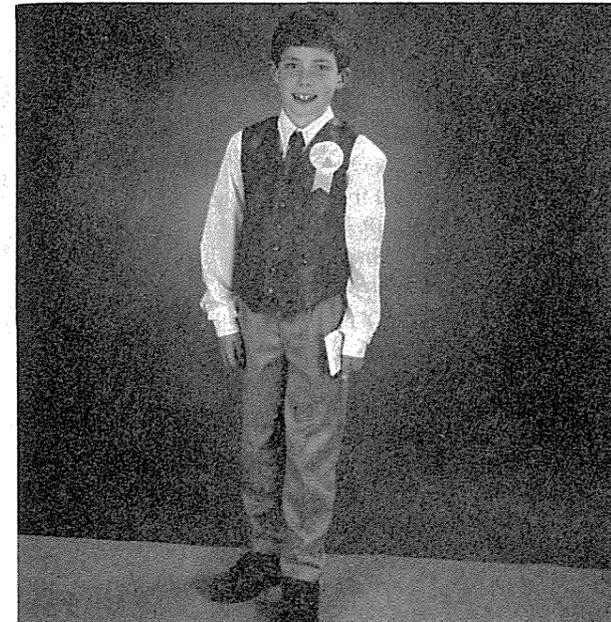
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Catherine Riordan with twins Julie Ann & Clare



L - R: David O'Brien, Arlene Carr & Daniel Halligan

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

We are in the final term of our '94/'95 swimming year. All outstanding fees need to be paid immediately. Our junior and senior galas will be held this month. The A.G.M. of the Maynooth Swimming Club will be held on Tuesday 13th June at a venue to be decided. All parents will be notified of same. All club members need to be represented at this meeting, so that the swimming club can continue to benefit as many young people as it has done for the past twenty seven years. We ask parents to let us know if members will be returning in September for the '95/'96 swimming year. Forms will be given to members and parents are asked to fill them in and return to any member of the committee or bus supervisor. Also names for the waiting list can be given to the same people. Committee club members and their families express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Claire O'Rourke and family on the sudden death of her father Mr. Patrick Walsh R.I.P. (of Limerick).

P.R.O. Claire O'Rourke, Margaret O'Neill

MAYNOOTH TUG-O-WAR

At Collinstown there will be a reckoning, Whose limbs are weak, their bones will sting. Cling to the earth you mighty foe, Hold fast your grip or you will go. The rope of judgment it does burn And the navvies into heroes turn.

All bicycles, jeeps, hiace vans and horse-powered men must head for the Hitchin' Post on Sunday, 25th June, at 3 p.m., to take part in the coveted Hitchin' Post Cup. The competition is for men (confined).

This is the third year of the event which has been won twice by Brady's,- The Clock House, where the cup now resides. The winning teams have been trained by George Gallagher, Taghadoe. It is a tournament that has provided some very tough contests and given rise to plenty of debate in the ranks of tug-o-war.

We are very grateful for the help and sponsorship of Ken Mulvanny and Vinny of the Hitchin' Post. So come along and enjoy watching a good old Irish sport in action. Put the date down in your diary and come along for a good evening's entertainment and the crack will be good afterwards.

P.R.O.

G.A.A. NOTES

**Under 14 League Division 2
Maynooth 3-2 v Athy 5-7**

The first game of the league proved to be a very hard battle against an Athy team that really should have been playing in division 1. However the lads kept playing football and never gave in. Even though they were always under a lot of pressure.

Team and scorers: J. Fagan, S. Lennon, T Halton, B. Doyle, P. King, A. Geoghegan, S. Devereux, D. Carre (Cpt), D. Campbell (1-0), W. Farrelly (1-0), C. Ennis (1pt), A. McCarron, S. Flaherty (1pt), P. Kinsella (1-0), C. O'Malley.
Subs: S. McDermott for S. Lennon. H. Lorenzo for C. O'Malley, D. O'Rourke.

**Under 14 League Division 2
Maynooth 7-10 v Round Towers 2-8**

On a rather chilly May evening Maynooth players really set about winning this game from the throw in. With D. Campbell and P. Kinsella winning a lot of ball at midfield and a great full back display by D. Carre well helped by A. Geoghegan at centre back, the forwards got a good supply which they made very good use of leading by 8pts at half time.

However, Towers fought hard in the second half but the defence held firm with the forwards scoring some nice points to run out convincing winners.

Apart from already mentioned S. Lennon, J. Fagan, T. Cassidy, C. Diggins, W. Farrelly played well.

Team and scorers: J. Fagan, D. Carr (Cpt), S. Pidgeon, S. Devereux, T. Cassidy, A. Geoghegan, C. Diggins, D. Campbell(1-1), P. Kinsella(2-0), P. King, W. Farrelly(0-3), C. Ennis(1-1), S. Lennon(3-4), T. Halton, A. McCarron.

Subs: S. O'Flaherty (0-1) for A. McCarron, D. O'Rourke, S. McDermott, H. Lorenzo and C. O'Malley.

**Junior Football League:
Maynooth 1-10 v Clongorey 0-5**

Maynooth had a very good win over Clongorey, played in Maynooth. Clongorey could not match Maynooth but tried hard and by half time Maynooth led by 7pts to 2pts. The second half got under way and Clongorey looked to be fighting back and scored 2 good pts before Maynooth had a very good goal by Tommy Murray and this gave Maynooth the lead they needed and they ran out good winners.

Best for Maynooth: M. Scanlon 3pts, J. Gilligan 3pts, T. Murray 1 goal, J. Edwards 1pt, T. Farrell 1pt, H. Purcell 1pt, P. Burke 1pt, and in the same league Maynooth had a good win over Balltague by 1-8pts to 2-3pts. In this league Maynooth 'B' team are unbeaten so far. Maynooth 'C' team are not faring so well-up to now they have lost all their games, but fair play to them, they are young and still fielding a team. So lads keep up the good turn out and victory will come our way.

Team results since the May issue:

1) Maynooth 1-9 v Kill 0-8 (League Away)

Team: (1) P. Flood, (2) E. Dunne, (3) M. Nevin, (4) P. Ennis, (5) M. Noone, (6) P. Stynes, (7) D. Mahony, (8) D. Casey, (9) K. Killoran, (10) John Nevin, (11) K. Fagan, (12) S. Molloy, (13) P. Garvey, (14) Joey Nevin, (15) L. O'Toole.

Sub: J. O'Riordan for P. Garvey.

Scorers: Fagan 4pts; Killoran and Joey Nevin 2pts each; Molloy 1 pt; John Nevin 1 goal.

Best for Maynooth: Flood (man of the match), Killoran, Mahony, Stynes, Fagan, Johnny and Joey Nevin.

Best for Kill: Behan, Cocoman, Kelly and Carr.

Referee: D. Callaghan, Sarsfields.



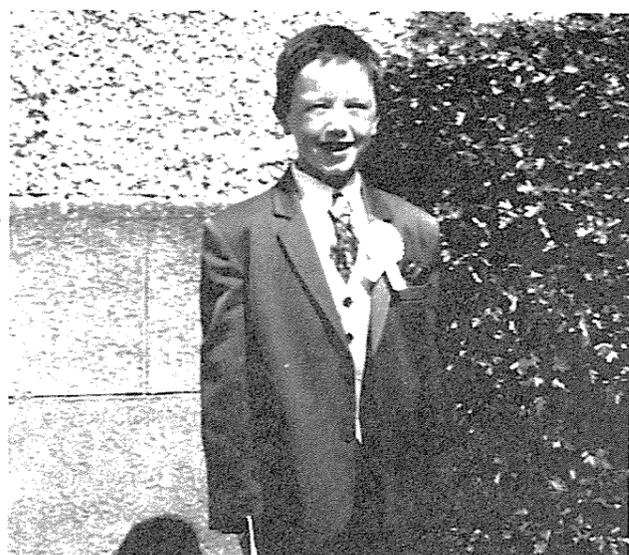
David Faherty, Marcella Connolly, married recently in Maynooth Church



The Wedding of Amelia Mullan, Cluain Aoibhinn and Andrew Parish at Ladychapel Church.



Niamh O'Gorman with Fr. Supple



David O'Haire



Ciarán Duignan, Paul Nelson, Damin O'Neill

2) Maynooth 0-11 pts v Monasterevin 0-8 (Tom Keogh Cup).

Team: (1) P. Flood, (2) E. Dunne, (3) M. Nevin, (4) P. Ennis, (5) M. Noone, (6) P. Stynes, (7) D. Mahony, (8) D. Casey, (9) K. Killoran, (10) John Nevin, (11) K. Fagan, (12) Hugh Nevin, (13) P. Garvey, (14) J. Riordan, (15) L. O'Toole.

Subs: Joey Edwards for John Nevin (injured)

Scorers: Garvey 6pts; Fagan 3pts and Riordan 2 Pts.

Best for Maynooth: Flood, M. Nevin, Mahony (man of the match), Killoran, Fagan, Garvey and Edwards.

Best for Monasterevin: the Gleasons, Dempsey, Buckley, Colgan, Barry and Leigh.

Referee: Paddy Farrell, Johnstownbridge.

3) Maynooth 6pts v Athy 2-11 (League-Away)

Team: (1) P. Flood, (2) E. Dunne, (3) M. Nevin, (4) P. Ennis, (5) M. Noone, (6) P. Stynes, (7) D. Mahony, (8) K. Fagan, (9) K. Killoran, (10) L. O'Toole, (11) S. Molloy, (12) Hugh Nevin, (13) P. Garvey, (14) M. Scanlon, (15) J. Edwards.

Subs: M. Kelly for S. Molloy (injured), J. O' Toole for M. Scanlon, M. Scanlon for M. Nevin (injured).

Scorers: Garvey 4pts; Kelly and Fagan 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Flood, Dunne, Ennis, M. Nevin, Mahony, Fagan and Garvey.

Best for Athy: Sean McGovern, Glen Dunne, Shane Purcell, Paddy Purcell, Paul McLoughlin and Séamie Bolger.

Referee: Nicky O'Connell, Rathangan.

4) Maynooth 3-13 v Cappagh 6pts (Tom Keogh Cup)

Team: (1) P. Flood, (2) J. Conway, (3) E. Dunne, (4) N. Reilly, (5) M. Kelly, (6) P. Ennis, (7) D. Mahony, (8) Joey Nevin, (9) P. Burke, (10) L. O'Toole, (11) M. Scanlon, (12) H. Nevin, (13) P. Garvey, (14) J. Edwards, (15) T. Farrell.

Subs: M. Noone for P. Ennis (injured); M. Faherty for H. Nevin.

Scorers: Garvey 1-6; Farrell 2-1; H. Nevin, Burke and Mahony 2pts each.

Best for Maynooth: Kelly, Mahony, Joey Nevins, Burke, Hugh Nevin, Garvey, Edwards and Farrell.

Best for Cappagh: Kenneth Connolly, Ray Sloan, Noel Mallon, Joe Dooley, Anthony Mallon and Martin Byrne.

Referee: Frank Duffy, Clane.

The highlight of the above four performances was the one against Monasterevin in the Tom Keogh Cup. For the fourth year in a row Maynooth succeeded in getting the better of their more fancied opponents in a "rip roaring" contest at Moyglare Road. The "low light" of the four games was undoubtedly our "rock bottom" performance away to Athy in the League. On a night when nothing seemed to go right we won an abundance of possession but simply handed it back to our senior rivals. Passes by hand and foot went astray with monotonous regularity and ruined any chance we had of making an impression on the game. Two valuable league points were secured in a physical encounter against Kill where we played our best football in the opening half with Killoran in particular being in dominant mood. We got very ragged in the second half, against the breeze, but still ran out somewhat comfortable winners. The Tom Keogh Cup game against Cappagh, who we meet in the 1st round of the Championship, told little of how that tussle might go. Both sides fielded without a number of regulars

and were loath to show their hands too much before their more important clash in June.

Lotto Result: 23/04/1995, Jackpot £350: Numbers 11-21-24. No Winner: 5 x £10. P.J. Rochford, S. Gregg, Donal Hurley, Cathriona Fitzgerald, Larry McNulty.

Lotto Result: 30/04/1995, Jackpot £400: Numbers 10-12-24 No Winner: 5 x £10. Martina Dunning, Fergus Devereux, Margaret Molloy, Micheal Brady, Damian O'Neil.

Lotto Result: 14/05/1995, Jackpot £600: Numbers 9-16-18 No Winner: 5 x £10. Ann Cunningham, Ken O'Brien, Eamon Dunne, Ann Murray, John Doolan.

Result of our golf outing to Highfield Golf Club on Saturday 6th May:

Overall winner:- Eddie Dunne 39pts.

Class I:-1st Gerry Long 37pts, 2nd Matt Doran 36pts, 3rd Jim Ryan 34 pts.

Class II:-1st C. Feehan 26pts, 2nd Terry Healy 25pts, 3rd Tony Kelly 24pts.

Our next outing will be our Captain's Tommy Fay prize on Saturday 10th June in Mount Temple Golf Club.

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy 30th birthday to Declan Travers. Hope you enjoy your Big Day. From all the Nolans and Birchall clang.

Séan McTernan, Moyglare Village. Age 7, June 24th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, sisters Aoife, Aileen, Grannies and Grandad.

Mrs. M. McTernan, Laurence Ave. June 24th. Best wishes from Martin and Rikki.

Tony McTernan, Silken Vale, June 7th.

Joan O'Brien, Newtown. Age 15 June 1st, her sister Mrs. A. Kiernan, Celbridge June 2nd, her cousin Stephen Cummins, Kilcock, age 4 June 4th.

Martin Traynor, Greenfield, June 17th.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Thomas L. Bean, Lemar, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and Patricia Prunty, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, who recently became engaged. The marriage is fixed for August 18th. Love and best wishes from parents, Liam and Margaret Bean, and Malachy and Sighle Prunty and family. Also Tony, Mary Bean and family, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

SYMPATHIES

CAINE — The entire community joins in extending their deepest sympathy to local Garda Martin Caine, his wife Mary and family on the recent death of his father, Thomas, from the Newport area of Co. Mayo. Martin is a dedicated and committed Garda who is highly regarded for his work with local youth and for his other community involvements.

KAVANAGH - Wife, daughters, sisters, brothers, mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Eddie Kavanagh, Newtown, Maynooth.

DURACK - Wife, sons, daughters, brothers, sister, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Patrick Durack, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, and formerly Moynoe, Scariff, Co. Clare.

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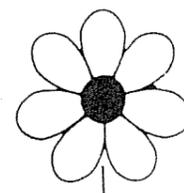
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DALY: The son, daughter and family of the late Anne Daly, O'Neill Park, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, our relatives, those who attended the removal of remains, funeral Mass and burial, those who called to the house, travelled long distances, phoned, sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. B. Supple, Fr. D. Cogan, Fr. Boylan and Fr. P. Monahan who concelebrated the funeral Mass and for their kindness to her during her long life. To all our kind neighbours and friends, who so willingly helped and supported us in many ways, to the doctors, nurses and staff of Blanchardstown Hospital and to Dr. Maurice Cowhey and district nurses for their kindness and care during her illness, also to Nuala and staff of Moyglare Nursing Home; to the Maynooth Ambulance Crew and the Maynooth Old Folks Committee and to Reilly's Undertakers, Prosperous.

We trust this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our sincere gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

KAVANAGH: The family of the late Eddie Kavanagh, Newtown, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who attended removal, Mass and funeral, sent Mass cards and other expressions of sympathy. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions as a token of our appreciation.

THANKSGIVING

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail)

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful vine splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. This prayer must be said for 3 days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

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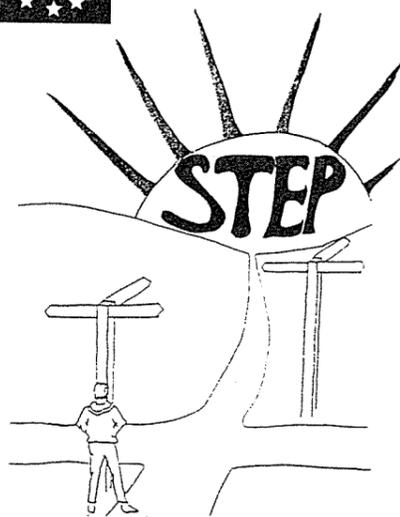
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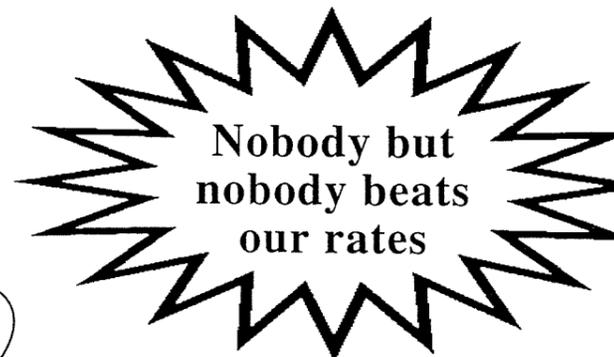
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